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MEMOIRS
OF THE
ENGLISH AFFAIRS,
Chiefly NAVAL,
From the YEAR 1660, to 1673.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

JAMES Duke of YORK,

Under his ADMINISTRATION
OF LORD HIGH ADMIRAL, &c.

Published from his *Original Letters*, and other
Royal Authorities.

Nothing is so capable of giving a true Account of *Story*, as
LETTERS are; which describe *Actions* while they are *Alive* and
Breathing; whereas all other *Relations* are of *Actions Past*
and *Dead*.

JONATHAN SWIFT.

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A BRIEF
HISTORY
OF THE
RESTAURATION;
Referring to these Original Papers.

SUCCESSIONS are oftentimes as surprising as REVOLUTIONS, *verbum sat*, &c. An honest (and therefore a suppressed) Writer ^a, thus gives us a concise Account of the Posture of the *English* Affairs in the very Period preceeding the *Restoration*.

ON his Death-Bed, *Oliver Cromwell*, by a Nuncupative-Will, declared his Son *Richard* his Successor, (though Thanks to the *Stars* of old BRITANNIA, he had not the Title of *Second*) who enjoyed the Protectorship some time, being complimented by the whole Nation, on his Accession to the Government, in Congratulatory Addresses from every Burrough, and Body Politic in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, with the most Solemn Assurances of Lives and Fortunes; nevertheless, the same People, in a few

^a Mr. HIGGONS, in his *Short View* of *English* History. 8^{vo}. 1723. p. 354. & Seq.

Weeks, saw him sink without drawing one Sword in his Quarrel. This was the *first* Instance of these ADDRESSES, by which Princes may see how little they ought to rely on *this Sort of Compliment*. The Common-Wealth-Faction, and that Party in the Army who had combined against the Father, fancied it much easier to compass their Designs on the Weakness and Incapacity of the Son, who wanted his Father's Vigilance to foresee, and Resolution to obviate Dangers, for want of which last Quality, he was pulled down by the mutinous Army, and divested of his Authority.

THUS, after a Reign of nine Months, ended RICHARD's *Mock-Government*; on which the Army, divided in their Councils according to their several Views, not knowing well what to do, were forced to recal the RUMP to the Exercise of their Authority.

THE frequent Changes in our Government, after the execrable Murther of King CHARLES I, not only made the *English* Government ridiculous Abroad, but puzzled *Foreign* Ministers residing here, how to behave themselves, what Parties to Court, to whom Address, or indeed how to direct their Memorials, for the Names and Titles varied with every Form of Government: Sometimes a *Parliament*, then a PROTECTOR, then a *Parliament* again, *Junctoes*, *Comities of Safety*, &c. all which Confusions are the necessary Consequences of Folly and Faction,

of the RESTAURATION. ♡

Faction, when Men leave the beaten Paths prescribed by the Laws, and Ancient Constitution, to follow the Systems of their own wild Imaginations, by Attempts above their Genius. But these wicked Scenes were soon closed through the Extravagances which the Movers of them attempted to display: curbed by the immediate Interposition of that Power, by which the World is governed, the signal Footsteps of whose Providence were never more adorably Conspicuous, than in the happy Conduct of the RESTAURATION of King CHARLES the *Second*.

HE made his Entry into *London* on the 29th of *May*, 1660; a Day doubly Auspicious, for his Birth, and Return; never was Cavalcade more Illustrious, than this Triumphal March through his Capital City. Whether we consider the Greatness and Sincerity of the Joy, the Solemnity of the Sight, the August Majesty of the Persons, who were *three Brothers*^b, the finest Princes of *Europe*, all in the Flower of their Age, riding through the Acclamations of the People, agitated with the different Passions of Joy and Shame; Joy to see them returned at last, and Shame to have injured them so long.

A Sweetness of Temper, Affability, and Good Nature, were less remarkable in these Princes, by being essential to the Name of STUART; and the first Instance of these

^b King CHARLES II, JAMES Duke of York, HENRY Duke of Gloucester.

good Qualities given by the KING was, his Care in expediting *An Act of Oblivion*, that he might settle a Quiet in the Minds of his Subjects equal to the Serenity of the Government they had the Happiness to live under: In this Affair he was forced to interpose between the Justice of his Parliament, and the Guilt of his Enemies, a greater Number of whom were designed to be excepted, in this Act of Indemnity, than what the Mercy of this Prince would permit; so that there were but *Ten* Examples made out of so many *Legions* as were guilty of his Father's Blood.

THESE necessary Acts of Justice being passed, and the Government settled on such lasting Foundations, as promised nothing but Peace and Happiness, the Young MONARCH, voluptuous in his Nature, and too much resigned to his Pleasures, seemed resolved to make amends for the *Chagrin* of so long an *Exile*, by enjoying the Rest of Life; this made him neglect taking such Measures as would not only have secured his Quiet and Safety, but that of his Successors.

AS all Turns of State are generally violent and precipitate, this PRINCE at his first Accession to the Throne, found a Disposition in his People to have made him as Great, and Absolute, as a reasonable Ambition could have desired; for through a Consciousness of their late Injustice, they thought they could not do too much to recompence a Family, whom they had

so undeservedly injured ; besides the wrong and popular Notions of Liberty, which had been so fatal to them, were now exploded ; they had too dearly bought the Experience of their Errors, and the Consequences were too fresh in their Memories of pursuing Chimerical Notions of ill grounded Dangers, a wrong Sense of which had involved them in all their Troubles ; this made the People of *England*, now newly returned to their Senses, the more willing to trust that *Power* in the PRINCE, which they had found they could not manage themselves, but to their own Destruction.

BUT CHARLES, through an Indolence in his Temper, or else wholly guided by the Counsels of the Chancellor, *Hyde*, rejected all Advances that were offered to make him Easy, Safe, and Great ; how that Minister came afterwards to fall into the Odium of a Party to whom he was so serviceable, is a Mystery, for he was the fatal Person who advised his Master to court his Enemies, and neglect his Friends, by which false Policy the Interest of the Royal Family has been destroyed ; besides this, several other Counsels were given by the same Person, that seem more Popular than Arbitrary, for he prevented such a Revenue being settled on the Crown, as would have made the KINGS of *England* not so dependant ; notwithstanding all these Services, this Great Man was attacked by a Faction in the House of Commons, and forced into Exile, in which he Died, leaving

his Master, by his fatal Mistakes, entangled in such Difficulties, as succeeding Ministers without Violence could not unravel.

THE Earl of *Clarendon's* melancholy Catastrophe, of which the Public may now see his own Account and Defence of himself, is a fatal *Memento* for all future Prime Ministers, especially in *England*, who may think themselves established upon the most lasting *Basis* of their *Self-raised* Popularity.

NEXT to him, being the Chief among the Converts, was the famous *Anthony Ashley Cooper*, Earl of *Shaftesbury*, who from an old Presbyterian, either through Ambition or Inconstancy, was entirely come over to the Royal Party; this Minister was a Man of extraordinary Parts, great Knowledge of the World, and Application to Business, but of no Principle, Honour, or Conscience; in Confirmation of which, he had chalked out a Way for the King his Master to have trampled on the Necks of his People, and to have been as Absolute as the Great Mogul; but CHARLES, through a Diffidence in his Nature, and Aversion to Enterprizes of Hazard, but chiefly out of a Principle of Generosity that would not permit him to make so ill a Return to a People who had so frankly *Restored* him, rejected the pernicious Advice: this mortally disgusted *Shaftesbury*, whose Resentments being more inflamed afterwards by the KING's not concurring in some other of his

his Arbitrary Projects, made him at last break all Measures with the Court, the *dernier* Resort of all disgusted Ministers, go over to the other Party, and set himself up the Champion of the popular Faction; (the *Hydra* of the Populace, who are ever, in their own Conceits, *Right*, yet Experience always proves them in the *Wrong*) and as he was a Man violent in his Passions, and implacable in his Malice, he conceived so mortal an Aversion to the KING, that, like a baffled Ravisher, he resolved to ruin that Virtue which he could not debauch.

HOWEVER, notwithstanding all the Efforts of such an *Achitophel*, his Majesty maintained his Regal Prerogative, and in the Year 1665, he made a successful War on the *Dutch*, in which the Duke of *York* commanding as Lord High-Admiral^a, by his Conduct and Courage confirmed the Reputation he had so justly acquired; by such a Presence of Mind in the greatest Dangers, such a wonderful Firmness, Intrepidity, and Contempt of Life, as would have been rashness in a common Tarpaulin, and more proper for a Cadet, who had no other Prospect to make his Fortune: but such is the Disingenuity of the prostituted Pens of a certain

^a This Honour the Duke of *York* held, from his Brother's immediate Accession, who in Council invested him therewith, *July* the 4th, 1660. At the same time appointing *John* Lord *Berkley*, *Sir William Penn*, and *Peter Pett*, Esq; Commissioners of the Navy. *Sir George Carterett*, Treasurer. *Sir William Batten*, Surveyor. *Samuel Pepys*, Esq; Secretary.

Party, who never allow any Virtues in their Enemies, that this conspicuous Quality in his *Royal-Highness*, has, by some *pretended* Impartial Historians, * of late Years, been disputed.

“ THIS War with the *Dutch*, began in reality in the Year 1664, though it was not declared till *February* the 24th, 1665; for the *Dutch* endeavouring to deprive the *English* of the *African* Trade, as they had formerly of the Spice-Trade of *India*, the King fitted out a Squadron of Men of War, and made Reprisals upon a Fleet of their Merchant-Men who were returning from *Bourdeaux*.

“ THIS War was entered into, not only by the Advice, but at the particular Instance of both Houses of Parliament, and of the City of *London*, who now plainly discovered that the *Dutch* were endeavouring to engross the Trade of the whole World to themselves.”

THE Duke of *York*, at his departure, devolved the Trust of our *Naval Affairs* at home upon his Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*, as we find by his most excellent *Instructions* (among the following Papers, p. 44.) dated from on board the ROYAL-CHARLES, the 20th of *April*, 1665, as they were preparing to sail the next Morning. And his *Instructions* to Sir *Thomas*

* Such as the late Bishop *Kennet*, &c.

• *Salmon's Review of the History of England*. Third Edit. 8^{vo}. vol. I. p. 406, 407.

Allen, (p. 100.) for reducing the *Algerines* to Obedience, must ever be acknowledged by the most byassed Partizans, to be a Master-piece in its Kind, and highly worthy the Imitation of the latest Posterity.

A late faithful Writer acknowledges^f, that, “The King upon his Restauration, pursuing the true Interest of his People, did divers things tending to the Encouragement of Commerce and the Fishery”. Which Assertion is sufficiently confirmed by many Vouchers in this Collection.

THE same Writer tells us, 1. *That*, in this War with the *Dutch*, “the *English* Fleet was first ready; consisting of one Hundred and nine Men of War and Frigats, and twenty eight Fireships and Ketches, manned with twenty one Thousand and six Seamen and Soldiers. 2. *That*, the *Dutch* Fleet consisted of one Hundred and twelve Men of War, and thirty Fireships, &c. manned with twenty-two Thousand three Hundred sixty-five Sailors and Soldiers, commanded by Admiral *Obdam*, &c. Approaching the *English* Coast, the *Dutch* had the Fortune to meet with nine rich *Hamburghers* under Convoy of a Frigate

^f See, *Columna Rostrata*: Or, a Critical History of the *English* SEA AFFAIRS. By *Samuel Colliber*, 1727. 8^{vo}. p. 149, 159. & Seq.

N. B. Whoever would have a true Idea of our Naval History, should consult the Work here referred to, it being much more regular and perfect than Mr. *Burchet*'s partial and voluminous Attempt.

“ of thirty-four Guns, which they took, with a
 “ Booty, valued at, between two and three
 “ hundred thousand Pounds. This was a very
 “ sensible Loss to the Merchants, but it was
 “ soon revenged. For the *English* put out to
 “ Sea, engaged, defeated, and chased the *Dutch*
 “ into their Harbours. This memorable Battle
 “ began *June* the 3^d, 1665, at three in the Morn-
 “ ing. For a particular detail of which, I refer
 the Reader to the judicious Mr. *Colliber* a-
 bove cited.

BISHOP *Burnet* tells us, that among the
 many Persons of Distinction, who attended the
 Duke of *York* in this War, none more eminent-
 ly distinguished themselves than the famous Earl
 of *Rocheſter*. Soon after his coming from the
 Univerſity, to Court, (ſays the Biographer) *
 “ he laid hold on the firſt Occaſion that offered,
 “ to ſhew his readineſs to hazard his Life in
 “ the Defence and Service of his Country. In
 “ Winter, 1665, he went with the Earl of
 “ *Sandwich* to Sea, when he was ſent to lie
 “ for the *Dutch-Eaſt-India* Fleet; and was in
 “ the *REVENGE*, commanded by Sir *Thomas*
 “ *Tiddiman*, when the Attack was made on
 “ the Port of *Bergen* in *Norway*, the *Dutch*
 “ Ships having got into that Port. It was as
 “ deſperate an Attempt as ever was made: Du-
 “ ring the whole Action, the Earl of *Roche-*
 “ *ſter* ſhewed as brave and as reſolute a Courage

* See, Some Paſſages of the LIFE and DEATH of the Right Ho-
 nourable JOHN (WILMOT) Earl of *Rocheſter*. 8vo. pag. 18, & ſeq.

“ as was possible : A Person of Honour *told me*
“ he *heard*ⁿ the Lord *Clifford*, who was in the
“ same Ship, often magnify his Courage at that
“ time very highly. Nor did the Rigours of
“ the Season, the Hardness of the Voyage, and
“ the extream Danger he had been in, deter him
“ from running the like on the very next Occa-
“ sion: For the Summer following he went to
“ Sea again, without communicating his Design
“ to his nearest Relations. He went aboard
“ the Shipⁱ commanded by Sir *Edward Spragge*,
“ the Day before the great Sea-fight of that
“ Year: Almost all the Voluntiers that were
“ in the same Ship, were killed. Mr. *Middle-*
“ *ton* (Brother to Sir *Hugh Middleton*) was shot
“ in his Arms. During the Action, Sir *Edward*
“ *Spragge*, not being satisfied with the Beha-
“ viour of one of the Captains, could not easily
“ find a Person that would chearfully venture
“ through so much Danger, to carry his *Com-*
“ *mands* to that Captain. Lord *Rocheſter* offered
“ himself to the Service; and went in a little
“ Boat, through all the Shot, and delivered his
“ *Message*, and returned back to Sir *Edward*;
“ which was much commended by all that
“ saw it.

“ THERE happened to be in the same
“ Ship with his Lordship, Mr. *Montague*, and
“ another Gentleman of Quality: these two, the
“ former especially, seemed persuaded that they

ⁿ *Hearsay* has always been strong Evidence with old *Sarum*.

ⁱ The Royal Prince.

“ should

“ should never return into *England*. Mr. *Mountague*
 “ said he was sure of it; the other was
 “ not so positive. The Earl of *Rochester*, and
 “ the last of these, entered into a formal *Com-*
 “ *pact*, not without Ceremonies of Religion,
 “ that if either of them Died, he should Ap-
 “ pear and give the other Notice of the FUTURE-STATE if there was any. But
 “ Mr. *Mountague* would not enter into the *Bond*.
 “ When the Day came that they thought to have
 “ taken the *Dutch-Fleet* in the Port of *Bergen*,
 “ Mr. *Mountague* though he had such a strong
 “ Presage in his Mind of his approaching Death,
 “ yet he courageously staid all the while in the
 “ Place of greatest Danger: The other Gentle-
 “ man likewise signalized his Courage in a most
 “ undaunted manner, till near the End of the
 “ Action, when he fell on a sudden into such
 “ a trembling, that he could scarce stand: and
 “ Mr. *Mountague* going to him to hold him up,
 “ as they were in each other's Arms, a Cannon-
 “ Ball killed him outright, and carried away the
 “ Rim of Mr. *Mountague's* Belly, so that he
 “ died within an hour after.

TO this Accident Bishop *Burnet* attributes
 the Sceptical Notions entertained by this Noble-
 man, yet he acknowledges that the Earl of *Ro-*
chester told him, that “ the *Presages* they had
 “ in their Minds, made some Impression on him,
 “ that there were Separated Beings; and that
 “ the Soul, either by a natural Sagacity, or some
 “ Secret Notice communicated to it, had a sort
 “ of

“ of DIVINATION: But the *Earl*, says the
 “ *Bishop*, added, that the *Gentleman's* never
 “ *appearing*, was a great Snare to him, though
 “ he could not but acknowledge it was an un-
 “ reasonable thing for him, to think that *Be-*
 “ *ings* in *another State* were not under such
 “ Laws and Limits, that they could not com-
 “ mand their own Motions, but as the Supream
 “ Power should order them: and that one who
 “ had so corrupted the natural Principles of
 “ Truth, as he had, had no reason to expect
 “ that such an extraordinary thing should be done
 “ for his Conviction. And, 1st. As to a *Future-*
 “ *State*, the *Earl* declared he was fully per-
 “ suaded that *Death* was not the *Spending* or
 “ *Dissolution* of the *Soul*, but only the *Separa-*
 “ *tion* of it from Matter. 2^{dly}. As to the *Su-*
 “ *pream Being*, he had always some Impression
 “ of *one*; and professed often, that he had ne-
 “ ver known an entire *Atheist*, who fully be-
 “ lieved *there was no GOD*.

THE foregoing Adventure happening under this Scene of Action, and among Persons so eminent, we thought the inserting it would not be deemed improper, especially, since some *Naval-Particulars*, herein recited, tally with our *Vouchers*.

THE *Triple-Alliance*^k was concluded in 1668, and our *Naval War* was next year carried into *Africa*. For the *Algerines* having

^k That famous Treaty between *England*, *Sweden* and *Holland*.
 committed

committed some Hostilities against the Subjects, both of *England* and *Holland*, Sir *Thomas Allen* was sent with a Squadron, in the Year 1669, who blocked up *Algiers*, taking and destroying several of their Ships¹. The *Instructions* he received are very ample, and finely drawn up; and are likewise exact Precedents of the *Laws of Nations*. (See p. 162, & seq.)

ABOUT the Year 1670, that *Republican Spirit*, which seemed extinct at the *Restoration*, began to kindle again from its Embers, and flame anew: the War which soon after was declared against the *Dutch*, gave the *Hydra* Faction an Opportunity to erect their Heads, and hiss again.^m

THE Insolence of the *Dutch*, their repeated Injuries to the *English* Nation, the Cries of our Merchants, and the absolute Necessity of supporting our Commerce against the Avarice of so powerful a Rival who daily ravished away our Trade, made *another* War against that People highly justifiable; besides all which, if there were no other Ground of a Quarrel, the personal Affronts offered to the King in their daily Lampoons, and scurrilous emblematical Pictures, of which no redress could be obtained, though often demanded, were a just Provocation, for any Sovereign Prince

¹ See, COLUMNA ROSTRATA, *ut supra*, p. 203.

^m See, *Higgon's* Short View, p. 377.

to draw his Sword, and chastise such Insolence; if private Men think themselves obliged to vindicate their injured Honour, how much more sacred are the Characters, and Persons of Princes? But it was not the Case of King *Charles* alone, the *French* Monarch had his share of the Affront, which made it seem the common Cause of Majesty to vindicate the Honour of Crowned Heads from the Attacks of an insolent People, who elated with their Riches, and Power, seemed to insult the rest of Mankind.

THE Success of this War was answerable to the Justice of the Cause; the *French* with an uninterrupted Torrent of Victory, over-ran almost the seven Provinces, and in one stupendous Campaign made themselves Masters of so many Towns, as to humble and reduce that proud Common-Wealth within those Bounds, which, it is the Interest of her trading Neighbours she should never exceed.

ON this Occasion, my Lord *Shaftesbury*, who was then in the Ministry, made the famous Speech, *Delenda est Carthago*, the wisest and honestest Advice that Person ever gave; "That the Interest of *England* and *Holland*,
"as to Trade, are incompatible, is so plain and
"obvious, that nothing more shews the false
"Politicks of Queen *Elizabeth* in this Point,
"than her permitting those revolted Provinces
"to form themselves into a Republick; that
" it

“ it was her Interest to support them against
“ *Spain*, is certain, but she should have stopped
“ there, and not have suffered them to make
“ themselves a *Free-State*.” If the *Dutch* had
still continued subject to the *Spaniard*, whose
Genius and Politicks are not turned to Industry,
and Improvements, the People of these Provin-
ces had *to this Day been Fishermen*, while the
English, for this last Century, would have had
the sole Commerce of the Universe, with all the
Consequences of so vast and uninterrupted a Trade,
immense Riches, great Numbers of People, and
every Man’s Estate proportionably increased;
while the *Dutch* themselves, compelled to fly
hither for Shelter, would have been at this Day
Subjects in that Country, of which they lately
were too much Masters.

TO this may be objected, that we should
at this time have wanted *Holland* as a Barrier
against the present Power of *France*; but this
Objection is easily refuted; for if the Shipping
and Force of *England* and *Holland*, as now
Confederated, are a Match at this Day for *France*,
How much stronger would the same Powers be
when centered in one Point? If we had the
Money, People, Manufactures, Strength, and
Shipping of *Holland*, in this Island, joined to
our own, most of which we should have had,
if they had never been a Republick with the
Advantage of Situation, *England* would have
been an inexhaustible Magazine of Men, Mo-
ney,

ney, and Arms, and at this Day one great Garrison, and invincible; besides, if we had all along had no Rival of the *Dutch*, it would have been more our Interest, as well as more feasible, to have prevented the immoderate Growth of *French* Power.

THE Successes of *France* alarmed our Fanatics, they could not without the most extreme Regret see their dear *Dutch* Brethren reduced to such Distress; upon this they raised such a Clamour, as obliged the King to recal his Troops in the *French* Service; the popular Apprehensions which these Men raised, and the ill Blood that they made against the King, laid the Foundation of those Distempers and Animosities which the Nation laboured under for several Years, all which were more inflamed, and brought on the *Popish*-Plot, the ill Consequences of which we so sensibly feel at this very Day: That happy Unanimity, which had cemented the Affections of the People from the RESTAURATION to this Period, began to be interrupted, and the Nation broken into those fatal Divisions, which from the length of time is greatly feared, as they have not hitherto been, never will be closed.

THUS, from the best Authorities, in as concise a manner as possible, I hope I have fully demonstrated that the Principles of *Geneva* have been, and ever will be, as fatal to a *Monarchical*-

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narchical-Constitution, as those of Rome can be to a Protestant-Establishment.

NOTHING is farther needful, in my Opinion, to introduce these invaluable Originals, but to let every Reader know that he stands indebted for them, to the deserving Memory of the Lord FREDERICK HOWARD, and to whose Ashes they are hereby with all due Deference Consecrated.

Vale, & Fruere,

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N A V Y.

From the RESTAURATION, 1660.

HIS Royal Highness the Duke of *York*, being constituted Lord High Admiral of *England*, &c. did, at his taking upon him that important Trust, send immediate Orders to the Commissioners of the *Navy*, to give him an exact Account of the State and Condition of the *Fleet*. Upon which, that Board transmitted, to his Royal Highness, the following Representation; *viz.*

May it please your Royal Highness,

SO soon as we received your Royal Highness's Commands for giving you an Account what Ships were unserviceable, fit to be cast and sold, we gave order for surveying of all his Majesty's old Ships at each of his Yards : from *Portsmouth*, by reason of its Distance, we have received no Return ; but from *Deptford*, *Woolwich*, and *Chatham* we are certified that the Ships undermentioned; *viz.*

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At Deptford.	At Woolwich.	At Chatham.
<i>Sophia</i>	<i>Sparrow</i>	<i>Indian</i>
<i>Half Moon</i>	<i>Pink</i>	<i>Henrietta-Pinnacle</i>
<i>Turky, a</i>	<i>Cornelion</i>	<i>rity</i>
<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Convert</i>	<i>Westergate</i>
<i>Bottom</i>	<i>Hector</i>	<i>Augustine</i>
<i>Bramble</i>	<i>Wolf</i>	<i>Success</i>
<i>Kinsale</i>	<i>Hound</i>	<i>At Harwich.</i>
<i>Vulture</i>	<i>Griffin</i>	<i>Church</i>

are either altogether out of Repair, and useles, or in a decaying Condition, unless farther Charge be bestowed upon them ; all which we humbly offer unto your Highness's Consideration, and remain,

*Navy Office, 4th
Septemb. 1660.*

*Your most Faithful,
and Obedient Servants,*

William Batten. William Penn. Samuel Pepys.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Master Builder at *Chatham*, Mr. *Phineas Pett*, hath been with me, and complains that many Persons are employed in the Work there, whom he hath discharged, bringing a Warrant from some one of you ; and that many of them are Persons of dangerous Principles, so that not only the Privileges of his Place are lessened, but also Men dangerous to his Majesty are encouraged by it : I thought it unfit to trouble his Royal Highness with it, and rather chose to give you notice of it, and to desire you to consider of it, and to remedy it by such

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such ways as you shall think fit, either by directing none to be received into the Works, but by the Master Shipwright, or the Order of three or more of you, or by such other means as you judge most fit.

I am,

September 27. 1660.

Your Humble Servant,

*For the principal Officers
and Commissioners, &c.*

W. Coventry.

GENTLEMEN,

Understanding that a Doubt hath arisen amongst the Clerks of the *Cheque*, in his Majesty's Yards, how the Quarterly Books are to be made up, and whether to be rated according to the Sallaries and Allowance given of late Years; considering as well the Greatness of the present Service, as the Consequence it may be to his Majesty, that all occasion of repining be removed from such as are employed in the Navy; I have thought fit to direct that you continue to allow all Wages and Sallaries, according to later Practice, until farther Consideration be had thereof, and you receive Order to the contrary.

I am,

Whitehall, 28 Septemb. 1660. *Your affectionate Friend,*

To the Principal Officers, &c.

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

MY Secretary having communicated unto me your Letter of the 17th of *October* last, wherein you offer, as your Opinion, that it is very expedient and commodious for his Ma-

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jeſty's Navy, that the Maſters of Attendance of his Maſteſty's Yard at *Chatham*, do dwell either in or nigh unto his Maſteſty's ſaid Yard; and that there is a Houſe belonging to the Clerk of the Survey, which (if he have an Allowance of ten Pounds *per Ann.* towards hiring a Houſe elſewhere) will ſerve one of them; and that the other may be accommodated by the Houſe now poſſeſſed by the Shipwright's Aſſiſtant, (who never had a Houſe in the Yard) upon Conſideration thereof had, I think fit to direct, that you give Direction, that the ſaid Maſters of Attendance may have the two Houſes aforeſaid for their Accommodation; and that the Clerk of the Survey be allowed the Sum of ten Pounds *per Ann.* towards providing himſelf elſewhere accordingly.

I am,

Your affectionate Friend,

November 5. 1660.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

My Lord chief Juſtice Forſter,

THE enclouſed Petition being preſented unto me by Captain *John Stokes*, I thought it the moſt proper means of remedy to him that I could uſe, to ſend the Petition unto you; and only to add, that (as I am unwilling to intermeddle in, and much more to give any Interruption to the courſe of the Law) ſo I muſt recommend it to your Care, not to infringe the Jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty, or to encourage unfitting Appeals thence, to the moleſting the King's Officers, and interrupting his

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Service : How far the present Case is such, I leave to your Examination, and cannot doubt of your Justice in it.

I am,

November 12. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

SIR *William Compton*, Master of his Majesty's Ordnance, having represented unto me, the great Damage the King sustains by the Removal of the Carriages of the Guns, belonging to his Majesty's Ships at their coming into Harbour ; the said Carriages being sometimes broken in removing, and very often rotted, and embezled, for want of a fitting Place to lodge them in : Upon Consideration thereof had, I think fit to direct, that for the future, upon the coming in of any of the King's Ships, the Carriages of the Guns do remain on board the respective Ships to which they belong, in the Charge of the Gunner of the said Ship (where there is one borne in Harbour) or otherwise in the Charge of the Boatswain ; wherein I desire you will give Orders accordingly.

The *Pembroke* Frigate being intended for a Voyage to the *Canaries*, I desire you will give Direction for supplying her with a Quantity of Victuals, to make up what she hath already on board, a compleat Proportion for four Months, and that all Expedition be used therein. *I am,*

November 15. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

Captain *Holmes* having informed me, that he hath lately suffered Loss at the Payment of his Majesty's Ship *Henrietta*, by reason that six of his Men, which were borne on board the said Ship, were omitted to be mustered; upon Consideration thereof had, I think fit to direct, that you allow and satisfy unto the said Captain *Holmes*, the Pay due unto the said six Men, notwithstanding they were not mustered as aforesaid. But this is not intended to be a Precedent for any thing of the like Nature for the future.

I am,

Whitehall, Nov. 17. 1660. Your affectionate Friend,

*For the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

Understanding by your Letter of the 26th of *November* last, that upon your late Survey of the Stores in his Majesty's several Yards, there is much Cordage, and other decayed Provisions, which are of little farther Use for his Majesty's Navy, but do pester the Stores, and daily impair: I have considered thereof, and do well approve of your Opinions, represented in the same Letter; and thereupon direct, that Order be speedily taken to expose the same decaying and unuseful Cordage and Provisions unto Sale by the Candle, (giving me an Account of the Particulars, and Moneys thereof

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thereof made;) and that the same Moneys be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, he striking a Tally in the *Exchequer* for the same. *I am,*

Whitehall, Dec. 1. 1660. *Your affectionate Friend,*

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

UNderstanding from my Secretary, that you have, in pursuance of my Orders, made Sale of his Majesty's Ship *The Church*, for the Sum of 510 *l.* to be paid within twenty Days into your Office; I desire you will give Direction, that the said 510 *l.* may be paid into the Hands of Sir *George Carterett*, Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy; who is to strike a Tally for the said Sum in the Receipt of his Majesty's *Exchequer*. I also desire you will forthwith send Direction unto the respective Masters of Attendance of his Majesty's Yards, that so soon as any of his Majesty's Ships come into Harbour, which are not intended for this Winter's Guard, they take Care for the speedy taking down the Rigging of the said Ships; and cause the same, as also the Guns belonging to them, to be brought on Shore, and laid up in his Majesty's Stores in the said Yards.

I am,

Dec. 3. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

UNDERstanding that there are several Persons who have received Hurts, and been maimed in his Majesty's Naval Service, which are at present in great want and necessity, and cannot receive Relief from the Chest at *Chatham*, notwithstanding they have usually contributed to the same, in regard of the great Debt at present lying upon the said Chest; I desire you will forthwith cause a strict Enquiry to be made into the Business of the Chest, and how the same hath been managed for the Time past; causing the Persons, that have had the Management thereof, to bring in unto you a true and particular Account of such Moneys as have come to their Hands from Time to Time, for, and towards the Maintenance of the said Chest, and how the same hath been disbursed by them, and what Pensioners are at present belonging to the Chest, and for how long Time past they have been unpaid; together with an Estimate of what Moneys are due from the Treasury of his Majesty's Navy, to answer the said Pensions. Which said Accounts, with a true State of the whole Affair of the Chest, I desire may be transmitted to me with all convenient Speed; to the end such Orders may be given for the farther Management of the Chest, as may be most for the Advantage of his Majesty's Service, and best answer the End intended.

I am,

Your affectionate Friend,

Dec. 21. 1660.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES,

Sir WILLIAM COMPTON,

THE late Disorder here, giveth me Cause to judge it necessary to order some extraordinary Guard, for the several Yards at *Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham*; and in order to it, *Sir William Batten* is gone to *Chatham*, to put that Yard in Order; and Colonel *Slingsby*, Comptroller of the Navy, takes care of the other Two. I desire you would cause to be delivered out such Arms as they shall inform you to be necessary for that Service, to such Persons as they shall appoint to receive them; taking the Indent of the Persons receiving them, for their Return, when it shall be judged necessary. *I am,*

Jan. 16. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES,

GENTLEMEN,

HIS Majesty's Ship the *Rosebusb*, being designed for a Voyage to *Jamaica*, I desire you will give Direction that the said Ship, together with the Guns, Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture belonging to her, may forthwith be delivered into the Possession of Colonel *Thomas Middleton*, he giving good Security to be answerable for the same; and likewise to find Victuals and Wages for the said Ship's Company during the Voyage, (except the Pay of the Captain and Warrant-Officers, which the King is to bear :) As also, to transport unto *Jamaica*

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10 M E M O I R S *relating to*

in the said Ship, such Persons, Goods, and Provisions as are, or shall be directed to be sent thither by his Majesty's Privy-Council, or myself.

I am,

Jan. 1. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

I Have perused your Letter to my Secretary, concerning the Miscarriage of the Officers of the *Assurance*, together with the Examinations enclosed : And forasmuch, as I find by your Letter, that you conceive the chief Fault to have been in the Master ; I think fit to direct, that as to his part, you declare him incapable of being ever employed for the future, in any Capacity in the King's Ships ; and in pursuance thereof, that you send to the several Clerks of the *Cheque* in all the Yards, that if, by Mistake, he shall at any Time hereafter, obtain any Employment, yet that they abstain from entering him, and give a speedy Account of it to me, or to your selves. And I think fit farther to direct, that in respect the other Officers were not so diligent as they ought to have been, (tho' the chief Fault may have been his) that as well all the other Officers, as the said Master, lose all the Arrears of Pay due to them in relation to the said Ship. And for the future, you take care to publish thro' the whole Navy,

Navy, that if at any time after the entering Mates to the several Officers on board any of his Majesty's Ships, it shall happen, that both the Officer and his Mate be absent from on board the Ship at the same time, without a particular Leave from the Captain, or Master of Attendance, who shall in that Case stand charged with such Inconvenience as may arrive by the Absence of the Party so licensed by him, that then the Party so offending, shall (although no Damage shall at that time arrive) be discharged from the King's Service, and be closely imprisoned, during three Months. And you are to take care that this Order be duly put in execution; and Copies of it to be set up in all his Majesty's Yards, in some Place where it may most conveniently be taken Notice of, and there to remain.

I am,

Your affectionate Friend,

Jan. 5. 1660.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR Letter of the 26th of *January*, hath been communicated unto me; whereby you intimate, that it may very much advantage his Majesty's Service for the Master Shipwright's Assistant at *Chatham*, to have a House in or near the Yard, his Duty requiring his Attendance there at Night as well as Day; and there is a House built upon the King's Ground, lying

lying near the Dock, by Captain *Phineas Pett*, (he having a Lease for above an Acre of his Majesty's Land there) that cost about 160*l.* which you suppose his Majesty may have, reimbursing him the said Money expended upon Consideration thereof had, (notwithstanding what you signified in a Letter lately received from you, that it was not necessary the Shipwright's Assistant should have a House in the Yard.) I think fit to direct, that you treat and agree with the said Captain *Pett* for the House aforesaid, for the Accommodation of the said Shipwright's Assistant, at as reasonable Rates as you can; and make out Bills unto him for Payment of the Money that shall be due for the same. And for the future, I desire you will not propose unto me Alterations of this kind, without first having duly weighed the Inconveniencies that may ensue thereon. *I am,*

Feb. 4. 1669.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

UPON Discourse which his Royal Highness hath had this day with the Commissioners of disbanding, it appeared, that there were divers Ships left without any care, being neither of the 36 his Majesty pays, nor the 65, the Commissioners pay; and they being bound up as to the Numbers there expressed, no Expedient is so good as the King altering his List, so as the Number might be qualified in such manner, as
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the King might be able to charge himself with the Super-Numeraries: In pursuance whereof, the enclosed List hath been made, and presented to them, signed as you see, (for through haste I send you the same) they approve of it. But the Act requiring the Lists to be signed by yourselves, they desire it may be so, as soon as may be; to receive it signed from you, and with it a List of the 65 remaining in Pay, and the places where they lie: such as are at Sea, you must note; but withall, I desire you to think of fit Places to send them into, to be paid, for his Royal Highness's Ease in his future Directions. This Expedient will I think bring them out of a great Labyrinth, and be no loss to the King, whose Approbation, as also his Royal Highness's, this enclosed List hath.

I am in haste,

February 20. 1660.

Your Humble Servant,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

William Coventry.

*A List of the Ships which his Majesty receives
into his Pay from 24th June 1660.*

Plymouth	Lark	Fox	Pembroke
Convertine	Martin	Little Ma-	Success
Bear	Merlin	ry	Dolphin
Dover	Drake	Francis	Eagle
Truelove	Little Gift	Roe	Dartmouth
Henrietta	Paradox	Nonsuch	Speedwell
Hunter	Weymouth	Ketch	Guernsey
Hind	Harp	Lignett	Paul
Hawk	John Ketch	Lilly	Eaglet
Blackmoor	of Dover	Hart	

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This is a List of the 36 Ships, which his Majesty is pleased to take into his Care, besides the Ships here under written, which are likewise in his Majesty's Pay.

Great Henrietta
Amity
Sophia
Griffin

Kinsale
Rosebush
Diamond.

Subscribed by his Royal
Highness's Command,
William Coventry.

GENTLEMEN,

U Nderstanding by your Letter of the 16th of this instant *February*, that it is your Opinion, that his Majesty may well save the Charge of a Muster-Master at *Gravesend*, and his Majesty's Service be not at all neglected; I think it fit to direct, that you forthwith give Direction, that *James Bulleyn*, at present Muster-Master at *Gravesend*, be discharged from the said Employment, and a Bill made out unto him for the Pay due unto him for the time he hath served. I desire likewise you will forthwith give Direction, that a Proportion of one Month's Victuals be put on board his Majesty's Ship the *Eagle*, and that all Dispatch be used therein.

I am,

February 20. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

To the principal
Officers, &c.

JAMES.

Sir,

Sir JOHN LAWSON,

TH^O' I have not appeared to take notice of it, yet I have not been unconcerned in the Interest of the Navy, in the late Act concerning the Paying off the Ships; but chose to be silent in it until I had effected somewhat which might be of advantage to the Persons aggrieved, by some Clauses in that Act, which thro' the Haste of the Parliament at their Rising, (and the Business being of a Nature which they were not well acquainted with) unfortunately were inserted in it; although the full Relief of the Seamen must be attended till the next Parliament, (in which I will not only assure them of my Care and Furtherance, but, which will undoubtedly be effectual, I can give them Assurance of the King's Care in it) yet I have endeavoured somewhat for their Relief, and have in good measure prevailed by his Majesty's Goodness, who upon this Occasion hath manifested so great a Tendernefs towards the Seamens Concernment, that upon the Account which I gave unto his Majesty of the Prejudices which the Seamen lay under, by the said Act, his Majesty gave me, and some others of his Majesty's Privy-Council, Order to consider of some Expedients for their Relief, and in order to it, to speak with the Commissioners for Disbanding; which having done, the said Commissioners are resolved to use so speedy a Way for the Payment of the Tickets, (the dilatory Way for which seemingly prescribed in the Act,

Act, I suppose, was none of the least Grievances) as that it will be as satisfactory to the Seamen, as if they were paid at the same Moment with the Ships: and the said Commissioners will, in a short time, give such publick Notice thereof, as may give full Satisfaction and Direction to all Persons concerned. One other Part there was, in which the Commissioners (who were bound up by the Rules of the Act) could give no Relief, which is that of short Allowance, of which the King being informed, was pleased to have so great a Sense of the Injustice of taking that from the Seamen; and his Majesty's Goodness towards them is such, that he hath been pleased to give me leave to assure the Seamen, that the King will out of his own Treasury cause to be paid to them what is due for short Allowance to any Ship's Company: which I desire you to let the Officers and Seamen of his Majesty's Fleet know, and to give them Assurance of it; and that as his Majesty is pleased of his Goodness to give it to them, so I will make it my Care to see it effected. *I am,*

February 21. 1660.

Your very Loving Friend,

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

E*dmund Proctor* being employed for the carrying of Letters, and Dispatches, in relation to the Business of the Navy, I desire you will make out a Bill unto him for the Sum of five Pounds, which I think fit to allow him for his Pains and Care in that Service, for this
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last Quarter of a Year, ending the last of *February*; and that henceforward you make him an Allowance of twenty Pounds *per Ann.* for his Attendance, for Dispatch of the said Business, and grant him Bills for the same Quarterly, as it shall grow due.

I am,

March 8. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

I Desire you will give notice unto all Commanders and Masters of Shipping belonging to the Subjects of the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, that from henceforward they forbear to wear the Flag of Union; and also acquaint them, that such as shall presume to wear the said Flag contrary hereunto, the King's Ships will have Orders to take it from them.

March 9. 1660.

I am,

*For the Masters, Wardens, and Assistants
of the Trinity-House.*

Your loving Friend,

JAMES.

SIR,

MY Lord of *Portland*, who is Vice-Admiral for *Hampshire*, and the Isle of *Wight*, hath complained, that an Order out of the Court of Admiralty, for the arresting of a *Portugal* Captain, hath been served by a private Hand; and that, contrary to the antient Practice, it was not directed to his Lordship, or

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his Deputy, and other Officers: I desire you to speak with the Register about it; and if the other have been the usual Practice, that hereafter the Priviledges of the Vice-Admirals may be carefully preserved.

I am,

March 16. 1660.

Your humble Servant,

To Dr. Hyde.

W. Coventry.

GENTLEMEN,

UPON consideration of what you write in your Letter of the 15th of this instant *March*, that it hath been the antient Practice of the Navy, for the best Gun (or an Allowance in Money) to be given to that Commander who shall take a Man-of-War-Prize; I think fit to direct, that Captain *Curtis* be permitted to keep the Brass-Bases, and Piece of Cable to his own use, which was by him taken out of a Gally, sunk on the Coast of *Spain*, for his Service done in destroying the said Gally; but the Guns that were taken out to be reserved for the King's use; as also that you give Direction for the Payment of the Wages due to the said Captain *Curtis*, notwithstanding any Stop put on the same.

I am,

March 16. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

Sir WILLIAM PENN,

I Received your Letter last Night, and have spoken with his Royal Highness, who commands me to send you notice, that he would have

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have the Ships victualled according to the Proportions of the time of War; but his Royal Highness would not have the Companies taken on until the Ships are all ready, except to two or three Ships, for saving unnecessary Charges, whilst one stays for another; the reason of fitting out two or three, is only for the Service of the *Downs*, whilst more are ready: in order to which, I desire you to send me word, which you conceive will be soonest ready, and how soon, that so Orders may be given accordingly.

March 22. 1660.

I am,

Your affectionate Friend and Servant,

W. Coventry.

GENTLEMEN,

WHEREAS I have thought fit to make an Agreement with Colonel *Thomas Middleton* and Company, Merchants, according as is hereafter expressed; *viz.*

That his Majesty's Ship, the *Charity*, together with her Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, and 20 Guns, and to be furnished with ordinary Stores for six Months, shall be received into the Possession of such as they shall appoint to receive her. That they shall be obliged to return the said Ship in good Condition, into the Charge of the Officers of his Majesty's Yard at *Woolwich*, within the Space of twelve Months, now next ensuing, the Danger of the Seas excepted.

That they shall man the said Ship with 45 Seamen at least, and defray the Charges of Vic-

tuals and Wages for them, and all the Charges during the Voyage.

That they shall transport into the said Ship, unto the Island of *Jamaica*, such Quantity of Goods or Stores as his Majesty shall think fit to send, not exceeding 150 Tuns. That they shall provide and transport from hence, upon their own Account, in the said Ship, unto *Jamaica*, 250 Planters. That they shall likewise permit to be received on board the said Ship at the *Caribbee* Islands, and transport to *Jamaica* 500, or more Passengers; and to that Purpose, that the said Ship shall continue at the said Islands for the space of 14 Days at least, to receive on board such Passengers as shall be willing to go, the said Passengers to provide Victuals for themselves during their Passage.

That they shall deliver the said Planters and Passengers at the Island of *Jamaica*, by Muster, into the Charge of such Persons as the Governor shall appoint to receive the same; and in case of the Death of any of them during the Voyage, the same to be attested under the Hand of the Officers of the *Charity*.

In pursuance of the said Agreement, I desire you will forthwith give order for the fitting of his Majesty's said Ship, the *Charity*, and furnishing of her with ordinary Stores for six Months, and cause her to be delivered into the Possession of the said Colonel *Middleton* and Company, or such as they shall appoint to receive the same accordingly; and that you take good Security of them for the punctual Performance of the several

veral Particulars aforementioned, reserving unto me the Nomination of the Commander to be approved of by them.

I am,

April 3. 1661.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

UPON consideration had of your Letter of the 29th of *March* last, wherein you certify, as your Opinion, that *John Falkner*, Clerk of his Majesty's Rope-yard at *Woolwich*, may well deserve the Sallary of sixty Pounds *per Ann.* I think fit to direct, that you cause the Sallary of the said *John Falkner* henceforward to be paid unto him after the rate of sixty Pounds *per Ann.* accordingly, until farther Order.

I am,

April 4. 1661.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

Sir RICHARD STAYNER,

HIS Royal Highness being desirous to give Encouragement to such young Gentlemen as are willing to apply themselves to the learning of Navigation, and fitting themselves to the Service of the Sea, hath determined, that one Volunteer shall be entered on every Ship now going forth; and for his Encouragement, that he shall have the Pay of a Midshipman, and one Midshipman less to be borne on the Ship: In

prosecution of this Resolution, I am to recommend to you the Bearer Mr. *Tho. Darcy*; and to desire you that you would receive him according to the Intentions of his Royal Highness, as I have acquainted you; and that you would shew him such Kindness, as you shall judge fit for a Gentleman, both in the accommodating him in your Ship, and in farthering his Improvement.

May 7. 1661.

I am,
Your affectionate Friend,
W. Coventry.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Master Shipwright of *Deptford* and *Woolwich*, hath acquainted me, that there is payable to him out of the Exchequer, a Fee of 20 *d. per Diem*, the obtaining which out of the Exchequer, occasions him much Expence of Time, and some Charge; whereas it would not be any loss to the King, and yet much ease to him, if it were paid to the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, making it his humble Suit, that it may be so, to which I (having consented) desire you to take order in it accordingly.

May 9. 1661.

I am,
Your affectionate Friend,
JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

BEING informed that of late it is a usual Practice in his Majesty's Navy, that upon the fitting forth to Sea of his Majesty's Ships, several

several new Cabbins are set up at the Desire, and for the Accommodation of the Officers of the Ships, not only to the great and unnecessary Expence of his Majesty's Stores, but also to the Prejudice of the Ships, in point of Stowage, and otherwise : I thereupon think fit to direct, that you give it in especial Charge unto the Master Shipwrights of his Majesty's Yards respectively, that for the future, upon fitting out of any of his Majesty's Ships, they do not order the erecting of any new Cabbins, or other Accommodations on board the said Ships, unless upon the particular Desire of a Flag-Officer at least; but that the Officers be content with such Accommodations as were in the former Voyage.

I am,

May 14. 1661.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

U Nderstanding that the Hill-house at *Chatham* is lately lett by the Dean and Chapter of *Rocheſter* unto one *Leere*, who insists on a Fine for the same, besides twenty Pounds yearly Rent; and the said House being very convenient for the Service of his Majesty's Navy, I desire you will consider whether it will not be more for the Advantage of his Majesty to purchase the Lease of the said House, than to pay Rent: and thereupon to treat with the said *Leere* concerning it, and if you find it will come

at a reasonable rate, that then you purchase the same accordingly.

I am,

May 10. 1661.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

I Desire you will forthwith give especial Charge unto the respective Master Shipwrights of his Majesty's Yards, that from henceforwards no Repairs be performed upon any of his Majesty's Ships, before an Estimate of the Charge of the said Repairs be by them sent up unto yourselves; and in case the said Estimates be great, you are to transmit them to me for my Direction therein, e'er the Repairs go forward; but if the Estimates be small, you are yourselves to order, that they be proceeded on accordingly as you shall judge fit. *I am,*

Whitehall, May 23. 1661.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

MY LORD,

HIS Royal Highness having shewed me a Letter of your Lordship's, concerning the Complaint of the *French* Fishermen; I hold it my Duty to give your Lordship this Account of it, until a more perfect can be sent to your Lordship: For the doing whereof, I sent immediately to the Mayors of *Rye* and *Hastings*, to send his Royal Highness an Account (under their Town-Seals) of the Grounds on which they

they pretend the *French* ought not to fish on our Coast.

I have in my hands an Order of Council of the 13th of *August* 1660, whereby it is ordered, That his Royal Highness take care that the Petitioners just Complaints and Grievances, contained in the annexed Schedule, be by all due means redressed. In the Schedule signed by the Clerk of the Council, (which is a Representation of the Grievances presented from the Cinque Ports) the first Article is, That by the ancient Usage and Custom within the Cinque Ports and their Members, no *Frenchmen* or Foreigners whatsoever have been permitted to fish on those Coasts, (accounting at least half-seas-over every where to the *English* Nation) except only, since the Alliance betwixt *England* and *France*, about four or six Boats in one Year, which had first obtained special Licence and Allowance thereto from the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, granted in favour of the *French* Court, and for the King's own Use. Upon this, there was about fourteen (*Years*) after, a Ship sent from the *Downs* on purpose to give notice to the *French* Fishermen, that they were to forbear fishing any more upon that Coast; and that if they did not, their Nets should be taken from them; but for that Time no Violence was offered to them. Since that, the Governor of *Diep* sent to desire Licences, and obtained nine. Some time since, the Complaint being renewed of the Fishing of the *French*, his Royal Highness ordered a Ship to that Coast to take their Nets, which

which was accordingly performed, but restored again, the *French* satisfying the Losses of an *Englishman*, from whom the *French* were insolent enough to take Nets on our own Coast; to which the Persons whose Nets were seized, were so far privy, that when they perceived their Nets would not be restored without the Condition^d of repairing the *Englishman*, they found Means to restore the greatest part of his very Nets. That Prize being so restored, another was taken, which was by his Royal Highness likewise ordered to be restored, without any other Penalty than paying to the Captain which took them, 15 *l.* by way of Reward for his Service, and the Cost of drying their Nets. The Value of them, I conceive, may have been about 500 *l.* the Proceeding, I suppose, cannot but appear both gentle and slow enough, especially since the Complaint of the *French* is so great, that the Officers of the King's Household have it as a Reason, why the King's House is dearly and ill served. His Royal Highness hath, within these two Days, resolved to restore a third Parcel of Nets, which is all which remains seized; and it will be executed as soon as his Royal Highness returns from *Cambridge*, whither he is this Day gone. I am,

July 1. 1661.

For the Right Honourable the Earl of St. Albans, his Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary at Paris.

My Lord,
Your Lordship's
most humble, and
obedient Servant,

Will. Coventry.

Cap.

Captain HODGES,

HIS Royal Highness commands me to let you know, that he is informed, that there are some *Dutch* Men of War who block up the *Portugal* about *Tarmouth*, in the Isle of *Wight*; and who being required by the Commander of the Isle of *Wight*, to permit the *Portugal* to go out two Tides before them, according to the Custom of the Sea in all Places, refuse to do it: whereupon his Royal Highness commands you, by me (himself not being now at leisure) to set sail to the Place where those *Dutch* Men of War are, and to require them to permit the said *Portugal* to go out two Tides before them; and if they refuse to do it, you are to advise with Colonel *Slingsby*, now Commander in the Isle of *Wight*, and any of the Commanders of the Castles there, in order to the compelling them to it; to which you are to give your utmost Assistance: Which Service being performed, you are to return to *Portsmouth*, to take in your Victuals for *Newfoundland*, and accept Orders.

I am,

Feb. 26. 1660.

Your affectionate Friend,

To Captain Hodges, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the *Guernsey*.

Will. Coventry.

GENTLEMEN,

BEing informed that several Persons, as well those employed in his Majesty's Service, as others, do daily endeavour and practise the
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embezzling his Majesty's Cordage, to the Prejudice of the King's Service: In order to the Prevention thereof for the future, I desire you will advise with the Master Rope-makers how the King's Cordage may be henceforwards so made, as that the same may be distinguished from all other Cordage whatsoever; and to give Orders for making of the same accordingly. *I am,*

August 14. 1661.

Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

I Have long deferred the sending to you a Book containing the Duty of the several Officers belonging to his Majesty's Navy: Not that I thought it unnecessary they should be instructed in it, but that I was informed that the present want of Money had so hardened and emboldened many Persons in their Negligences and Abuses, that there was little hopes of their amendment; and therefore I thought it better to delay the publishing those Rules until the want (and in it the pretence of offending) were removed; and till the King were enabled to pay and discharge from his Service such, whose Examples carry more of Danger than their Service affordeth Use. And therefore, I desire you, that your first Care may be (when Money is supplied to the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy) to discharge unnecessary Workmen in the Yards; and the next, to set a Mark on such who shall appear to have served either deceitfully or
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negligently; that they may not hereafter be entered into his Majesty's Yards upon any occasion of Work for the future, that so the Severity towards such as have offended for the time past, may be a Means to continue others in their Duty, for the time to come. I must likewise commend to you, the examining the Ordinary in his Majesty's Yards, which, I am informed, is in some of them rather fit for an Hospital, than the King's Service; an Abuse which must not be suffered. Such as are become impotent by the Service of the Navy, are to expect their Relief from the Chest, toward which the Payments cannot but have been very great of late; and since the end of the *Dutch* War, † the Occasions of maimed Men cannot have been many: And therefore, I doubt not, but if the Chest be well governed, it will succour those poor People, without burthening the Ordinary.

In the next place, I desire you to take an exact Account of the Behaviour of the several Officers in the Yards, who are intrusted with the King's Expences therein; which if you find any to be prodigal, I desire you to suspend them their Employments, and to certify me of their Offences; and I shall give such Order as shall deter others from the like Abuses.

And under this Head, I desire you to examine if the Master Shipwrights have put the King to
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† A PEACE was signed between CROMWELL, and the DUTCH, April 5, 1654. During this War, which did not last quite two Years, the *English* took no less than 1700 Prizes, valued by the *Dutch* at near 6000000 l. Sterling.

unnecessary Charge in repairing of Ships; and particularly, if they have exceeded their Estimates for such Repairs; or if they, for the beautifying of their own Work, bestowed more Charge in carving and adorning them than was proper; and where you find Officers of this nature, according to the Degree of it, either to watch more narrowly to their Actions for the future, or to report to me the nature of their Offences, for the punishing them according to Desert.

But if any Store-keepers, or other Officers, who are intrusted with the viewing and judging the Condition of Stores delivered into the several Yards, shall have so far falsified their Trust, as to make a false Report of the Quality of the Stores so delivered in; and by it shall have misguided you in the signing Bills for Stores, which are indeed unuseful, or not of equal Goodness to the Price given upon their Report: I suppose it will be unnecessary to press you to be strict and severe towards them, since yourselves are so much concerned in it; and that if they be not punished for such Crimes, it will reflect upon you, as if, notwithstanding a true Report of the Unserviceableness of the said Stores, you had proceeded to expend his Majesty's Treasure in Goods unfit for the Service. And therefore the Consequence of this being so great, both as to the real Service to his Majesty, and as to the Reputation of the Management of the Affairs of the Navy; I desire you to be extraordinarily careful in it. As to the Management of Affairs among yourselves, that which I shall

shall principally recommend to you, is, that there be due and timely Information gotten of the Quantity of each sort of Goods needful in the Navy, which are to be bought, and of the Prices; in both which I desire you not to rely wholly on the Informations of Purveyors, or any Person; but to use all means to be fully informed, and being so informed, to make your Contracts at your publick Meetings in the Navy-Office, and in Contracts of great Value to give yourselves some Days for Enquiring before the concluding the Contracts, that so you may not be misguided by a supposed Necessity of buying of any one Merchant, when possibly others might furnish cheaper and better; and by this method, as the King's Contracts may probably be made with better Husbandry, so will it be no small Advantage to his Majesty, in that it will take away all occasion of calumniating his Officers, it being impossible but the least Reproach (though unjust) upon Officers so highly intrusted as yourselves, should, by the Diminution of your Authority towards your Inferiors, redound very much to the Disservice of his Majesty.

I desire you, as often as Ships return from any Voyage, and are paid off, to make a strict Enquiry by the Commander and Master, of the Ability and Behaviour of all the standing Officers during the Voyage; and if any shall be found unable, or otherwise unfit for their Employments, to certify the same to me. This Inquisition I judge the more necessary, for that there hath been a Necessity to remove divers of
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the Warrant Officers, and to put others in their Places, rather upon the Presumption of their good Affection, than that there could be any Certainty of their Ability: so that it will be necessary to have a Review of such as have been so put in after Experience had of them by a Voyage; and in order to your better Information, you may let the Commanders and Masters know, that I expect they should be careful and exact in their Certificates, (which I would have to be under their Hands:) for if it shall appear, that through Favour or Affection they have given a false Account of them, I shall impute it to such a degree, either of Ignorance or Unfaithfulness, as will render them incapable of any future Employment in his Majesty's Service.

These things, together with a Book containing the Duty of the several Officers, I thought it seasonable to recommend to your Care at this time; * expecting, that e'er long, there will be such a Supply of Money to the Navy, as will enable you to put these, and all other good Rules vigorously in execution.

I am,

Whitehall, Jan. 24. 1661. Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

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* The Book referred to in this Letter, was printed (under the Title of, *The OECONOMY of his Majesty's NAVY-OFFICE.*) 1717. But from a very imperfect Copy.

GENTLEMEN,

I am,

Whitehall, Jan. 28. 1661. *Your affectionate Friend,*

JAMES.

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Waste and Embezzlement of the Stores; for the cloaking whereof, use is made of a Custom of carrying of Chips from the Work, which I desire you for the future totally to prohibit, that so that Occasion of Stealth may be taken away. And in general, I desire you to let all the Officers in the Yards know, that I expect a strict and diligent Performance of their several Duties, and that such as shall neglect, or be unfaithful, are to expect the severest Punishment that their Offences shall deserve.

I am,

Your affectionate Friend,

St. James's,
April 22. 1662.

J A M E S.

G E N T L E M E N,

BY the Book I lately sent you * (containing the Duties of the several Officers of his Majesty's Ships and Yards) the Purfers are required, when the Ships to which they belong go to sea, to demand from the Surveyor or Clerks of the Survey, and Officers of the Ordnance, true Copies under their Hands of all Indentures and Proportions of Stores by them issued for the present Service, and Supply of the Ship, to the Boatswain, Gunner, and Carpenter, and to keep a Journal or Compter-Book of the Expence of the said Provisions: Now in regard the King's Service may receive prejudice by the Purfers being absent from their Duties, in giving their Attendance for the said Copies, and the Intent of the said Directions may be as well performed by the Purfers, taking Copies of the Indentures, and Proportions from the Boatswain, Gunners,

* See the Note, pag. 32.

Gunners and Carpenters; I think fit to direct, that you dispense with the Purfers from attending for receiving Copies of the said Indentures and Proportions of the Officers of the Ordnance, Surveyor or Clerk of the Survey, and order them to take Copies of the same from the Boatswain, Gunner and Carpenter of the Ship to which they belong, attested under their Hands respectively, and, by the same, trace them in their Accompts.

I am,

Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

Hampton-Court,
July 12. 1662.

GENTLEMEN,

WHereas I understand, that in pursuance of my Letter of the 7th of *June* last, you have considered touching the taking Security of the several Purfers of his Majesty's Ships, and upon Conference had with the Victuallers of his Majesty's Navy, have agreed, that the several Sums hereafter mentioned be the Penalties, in which each Purfer with his Security shall become bound, according to the Rate of the Ship to which he shall be appointed Purfer, viz. For the Ships of the first Rate, six hundred pounds; of the fourth Rate, three hundred pounds; and of the fifth and sixth Rate, two hundred pounds; with the Condition following:

That if the within bound shall well and truly discharge the Place of Purfer in his Majesty's Ship - - - - - unto which he is appointed Purfer, according to such Instructions

tions as are at the sealing hereof given him, sealed with the Seal of the Navy-Office, and attested by the Clerk of the Acts; and shall within ten days time after the paying off of the said Ship, and at all other times when duly required, render and give up, by himself or his Steward, a true Account of his said Employment, and of all the Victuals, Provisions, and Moneys that are or shall be committed and intrusted to his Charge: That then this present Obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

I do hereby approve of the said Penalties and Condition, and do direct that you observe them, and no other, in preparing of the said Bonds; which being duly signed and sealed by the Purser and their Securities, as aforesaid, you are to cause them to be safely laid up amongst the rest of the Records of your Office. And you are also to take care, that before any Warrants be issued out, as well to Purser, as Boatswains, Gunners, Carpenters, or other Officers of the Ships and Yards, that a Copy of what Instructions I already have, or hereafter may establish, be read to the respective Officers to whom they relate; and he having given promise of ready Obedience, that the same be delivered unto him attested by the Clerk of the Acts, and the Seal of your Office, to the end he may not pretend ignorance in any future Neglect of his Duty.

And whereas in some of his Majesty's Ships there are not allowed three Officers in Ordinary, whereby each may lie on board every third Night

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Night (according as is directed by the Book I lately sent you) I think fit to direct that the respective Officers borne in Ordinary on his Majesty's Ships, be ordered to lie on board by turns, so as one of them may lodge on board constantly every night. *I am,*

July 18. 1662.

Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

TH O' by Instructions lately sent to you, I directed that the Victuals should be dressed on board the respective Ships in ordinary, which was intended for the better keeping on board the Officers and Seamen belonging to them for their Guard on float; yet, understanding the Inconveniencies and Dangers which may arrive by the Observation of the Order in the Wet-Dock at *Deptford*, where there is not the same Reason to be solicitous to have the Men kept on board as on float elsewhere, I have thought fit to dispense with that Order, as to Ships in *Deptford* Wet-Dock, and to desire you not only to dispense accordingly with the Purfers of the several Ships, as to that Clause of their Duty, but also to cause some fitting Place to be prepared on Shore, where the Victuals for the Ships in the Wet-Dock there may be dressed. *I am,*

St. James's, Aug. 29. 1662. Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

THERE having been no Establishment made for the number of Officers and Mates to be borne on his Majesty's Ships at Sea since his Majesty's return unto his Kingdoms; and considering how fit it is, not only that it should be settled by Authority derived from his Majesty, but also, that thereby Doubts may be prevented, which may arise from variety of Practices, when none are founded on any just Authority; I have thought fit to recommend it to your Care to take it into your Consideration, and to make a Table of the Officers and Mates to be allowed to the Ships of several Rates, distinguishing the Number for War and Peace, and for foreign Service, or the narrow Seas; and when you shall have perfected it, to present it unto me: in which I would have you wholly to omit Midshipmen in the narrow Seas, and to regulate the Number of them in foreign Service, for that there being no Probability of such Service, and the *Dutch* War that caused their first Institution, there remains no Reason to keep so many of them on the Ships, to the increase of the King's Charge; and where there is any Doubt of the Pay belonging to the Officers and Mates in the respective Ships, thro' Variety in your Book, I desire you to consider of a fitting Establishment; but if no such Doubt or Variety be, it may remain as it is, until farther Order.

I am,

St. James's, Sept. 1. 1662. *Your affectionate Friend,*

JAMES.

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GENTLEMEN,

HIS Majesty's Ship the *Satisfaction*, having lately been cast away upon the Coast of *Holland*, and the Commander, and divers others of the Officers and Mariners belonging to her, being preserved alive, his Majesty, in Consideration that the Disaster (as it appeareth) happened not by any Default or Miscarriage on their parts, and in Commiseration of their Condition, hath been pleased, out of his great Bounty, to appoint, that they should be paid the one half of their Pay, to them respectively due, for their Services done on board the said Ship (altho' in such Cases it is unusual;) I therefore desire you forthwith to give Order for their speedy Payment accordingly. *I am,*

Whitehall, Octob. 13. 1662. Your affectionate Friend,

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

Understanding from yourselves, that some Doubts are lately risen in your Office, whether the Captains and Lieutenants of his Majesty's Ships should be paid from the Date of their Commissions, or from the Time the Ship enters into Sea-Pay: I think fit to direct, that (in regard the Captains and Lieutenants of the King's Ships do usually attend the Dispatch of their Ships during the Time they are fitting, in order to the hastening of them out, whereby his Majesty's Service may be much advanced,

and also that in so doing they are necessitated to be at as great, or greater Charge than when the Ship is at Sea) for their better Encouragement, they be allowed Pay from the Date of their respective Commissions. And I desire you will take order therein accordingly. *I am,*

Whitehall, Jan. 13. 1662. Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

BY the good Success of some Voyages which his Majesty's Ships have performed with fewer Men than their ordinary Complement in time of Peace, I am encouraged to believe, that some Charge might be abated in the narrow Seas, and in Convoys for the Fisheries, and the like ordinary Services, by abating, during the time of Peace, some Men upon the Establishment; yet so, that the former Regulation may remain upon your Books, with the addition of one of the lowest Number fitting to be allowed; that so according to occasion, Recourse may be had to any of them: As I shall always be very desirous to embrace all Expedients for saving the King's Treasure; and amongst others this, when upon good Consideration it shall be resolved on: So I cannot on the other hand think the manning of the King's Ships, a slight Consideration; and therefore I desire you to enter upon it, and afford it your most serious Consultation. And that you may proceed by such Steps as may best lead you to a good Resolution, I would have you first to ascertain the Number of Servants to be

be borne at Sea in such Ship, of which some are to be allowed, both as an Encouragement to the Officers, and for a Means to breed up young Seamen. When that shall be settled, you may the better come to a Resolution of the whole Number to be allowed, especially if you likewise take into Consideration the Number of Guns for each Ship, the excess whereof at present doth but occasion Charge to the King, and weaken the Ships; in which also I would have your Advice. As the Peace which we at present enjoy, makes such Regulations fit for Practice, so the present Leisure in the Navy makes this a fit Season for your taking this into Consideration; and therefore I again recommend it to you for your most mature Deliberation. *I am,*
St. James's, Aug. 22. 1663. *Your affectionate Friend,*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

TH E Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council, taking notice that divers Masters of *English* Ships, who have gone into, and towards the *Mediterranean*, have neglected the taking his Royal Highness's Passes, and thereby have not only hazarded their own Safeties, but given a Pretence to those of *Algiers* to infringe the Peace lately made with them; although the Masters have incurred the Hazard by their own Neglect, yet his Majesty and the Council have been so tender of them, as to take into Consideration which way they may be best secured; and there-

therefore have been pleased to order, that some blank Passes should be sent (for present use) to foreign Parts, where there is most likelihood of their want, to be filled up and dated. To which end I give you this present Trouble, to desire you, when any shall demand the said Passes, that two of you at least would join in the Consideration of the Fitness of it, and that you would not deliver any until the Master or Owner of the Vessel have first made Oath according to the Intent of the enclosed Copy (*mutatis mutandis*) which I send you for your Direction, being the usual Form upon which they are granted in *England*. The Form will shew you that it is designed to prevent the Passes falling into the Hands of Foreigners, of which you will as well judge the Consequence as I can tell you, and therefore I shall not doubt of your Care herein.

When you shall find no more need of the Passes, or that they are all distributed, I shall desire you to send me home the Affidavits, that so I may keep them amongst those taken here.

The Number of Passes which I send you is twenty, for which I desire you to receive for me upon each Pass you deliver, one Pound and five Shillings, they being the Fee they pay here.

The Passes I have caused to be antedated, that so there may be the more Probability of their being delivered in *England*, as indeed they ought; and upon this Necessity, the Council have given way to this Expedient.

I shall not enlarge any farther upon this matter, because I know I write to Persons of Judgment

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ment and Integrity, who will be very careful in this matter; which, though it may appear small, the Consequence may be great. His Majesty is preparing a Fleet to come very speedily into the *Mediterranean*, which I hope will set all right again at *Algiers*; in the mean time we must expect that the Perfidiousness of those of *Algiers* will put a damp upon our Trade; I wish it prove not fatal to some particular Persons who have Stocks abroad, without knowledge of the Practice of those Pirates.

I am,

November 30. 1663. *Your affectionate Friend,*

Directed to Mr. *Pendarvis*, and *Servant*,
Mr. *Rives*, and Mr. *Guyne*, W. *Coventry*,
and sent to *Malaga*.

GENTLEMEN,

I Approve of what you have already done concerning the Settlement of the Guard of his Majesty's Ship *Sovereign*, signified unto me by your Letter of the 4th of this Month; and also of what you propose therein for an extraordinary Allowance of necessary Moneys, and an Increase of Wages to the Officers; and do desire you will issue your Orders for making the said Allowances accordingly.

I am,

Whitehall, Feb. 10. 1663. *Your affectionate Friend,*

J A M E S.

GENTLEMEN,

I N regard Inconveniences do many times happen for want of some Distinction to be made of such Vessels as are employed by the
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Victuallers of his Majesty's Navy; I therefore desire you will give Orders for the empowering of such Vessels as shall be employed by the Victualler, for the carrying of Provisions for his Majesty's Navy, to wear Jacks, of such Dimensions as you shall judge fitting.

St. James's,
Octob. 3. 1664.

I am,
Your affectionate Friend,
J A M E S.

G E N T L E M E N,

WHereas you have represented unto me that in regard the Masters Attendant of his Majesty's Yard at *Chatham* are at an extraordinary Expence in being obliged to reside on board his Majesty's Ship the *Sovereign*, they may well deserve an Allowance of twenty Pounds *per Ann.* for the Service; I think fit to approve thereof, and to direct that you make an Allowance unto the Masters Attendant that shall reside on board the *Sovereign*, proportionably after the rate of twenty Pounds *per Ann.* and for the Time of his Residence there.

St. James's,
Octob. 12. 1664.

I am,
Your affectionate Friend,
J A M E S.

My Lord Duke of ALBEMARLE,

IT is probable this may be the last I shall write you from this Coast, since we are now preparing to sail to-morrow morning; in which we make the more haste, because upon a serious Consideration of the Condition of the Fleet, and what we may expect from the Victualler,

tualler, it is judged by the Council of War, that the Fleet will every day grow into a worse Condition, though they should stay for his Supplies : for after all this time of Preparation, and the large Promises he hath given, that nothing should be wanting, by the Paper delivered in to Sir *George Carterett* by his Agent *Thomas Lewis*, and by Sir *George Carterett* sent to me, it appears that on the 15th instant there was shipped on board 97 Tuns, 2 Hogsheds, of Beer; that there would be that day laden more 100 Tuns, and a Hope given (with some dubious Terms, as when it could be shipped off, &c.) but no certain time assigned, of 330 Tuns more, being the utmost we are to hope for. It was farther added, (to which Mr. *Gauden's* own Discourse here did agree) that there might be farther expected weekly to be brewed in *London* 500 Tuns, if the Weather were not too hot; besides Supplies from *Dover*, *Portsmouth*, and *Harwich*. As to the Out-Ports, besides the Uncertainty of their Arrival for interception by Enemies, we have already too much experience of their Dispatch; and indeed of the Victualler's Promises, whether the Defect be in want of Cask, or a Resolution in the Victualler to employ only some few Brewers, I cannot say; but certain it is, that there hath been no dispatch given in the matter of Beer in any of them; some of those Ships sent into *Harwich* from the *Streights*, not having fourteen Days Beer in them at this time, as I am informed, and some no Water-Cask at all. As
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for *Dover* and *Portsmouth*, from whence Mr. *Gauden* gave great Hopes of Supply, I find it to be wholly fallacious, none coming from *Portsmouth* with the *Anne*, as was promised; and having sent for the *Dragon* from the *Downs*, I ordered her Commander to send her to *Dover*, to let the Victualler's Agent know, that if he had any Victuals to send, he would convoy them. Captain *Lloyd*, by his Letter of the 18th, writes word, that he had sent to the Victualler at *Dover*, and that he had for answer, that there will be no Provision ready to be shipped there in ten Days; so that by this it appears, the only Hopes are from *London*, and that from thence (even by the Victualler's Promise) we are to expect but 500 Tuns a Week: what reason there is why *London* may not furnish as well 5000 as 500, is not apparent to the Commanders here; but by the Discourse with Mr. *Gauden*, they judge it clear, that it is not safe for the King to rely wholly upon him. And this I was desired by the Council of War to represent to the King, which I desire you to do; you will easily judge the Business to be very important and very pressing, when you consider, that having only a Promise of 500 Tuns Weekly, and that under a Condition of cold Weather in Summer, the Expence of the Fleet is more than 700 Tuns Weekly; so that if we staid perpetually in Harbour, and received his Supply promised, we, who have not now above one Month, or five Weeks Beer at the most (as is judged by the Council of War) shall decrease Weekly

200 Tuns. So that relying upon Mr. *Gauden*, it seems impossible for this Fleet ever to keep or take the Sea after this time ; and were not the Desire of the Commanders to do some Service very great, I believe they would not advise the going to Sea with so slender a Provision of Beer, it being little more than the King's Ships usually reserve to bring them into Port : that the want of it must necessitate the Fleet to leave the Sea perhaps at the time when most Service may be expected, is evident, especially when the Season of the Year, and the Possibility of the coming home of the *East-India* and *Smyrna* Fleets are considered ; and tho' they should not come, it is certain, that when the Victuals of the King's Ships is expired, the *Dutch* may go where, and do what they please, to the great Disreputation of his Majesty's Affairs both at home and abroad. This being so plain a Consequence of the present State of the Fleet, the Commanders have not been able to represent any other Remedy for it than this, that if there may not immediately be an infallible Supply of Beer by some other hand, which may be relied on, there may forthwith be a considerable Quantity of Wine sent from *London* or *Dover*, (where I hear there are lately Prizes of Wine brought in) sufficient to compleat our Beer to our dry Provisions. And if this Expedient shall be thought fit, I earnestly desire, whatever the Expence be, that the Wine may be good, and not (as hath been the Practice for Beverage Wines) Vinegar, whereby the Men will infallibly be cast into
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Distemper; and in the next place, that it may not be mixed on Shore, but sent in pure Wine on board, because possibly the Men may be contented with a less quantity of Drink, and thereby Stowage saved, if it may be allowed them stronger; or perhaps it will be judged best to give them by it self, and the Water by it self. This Expedient will, doubtless, be chargeable to the King; but when the Consequence of the other side is weighed, I believe it will be thought fit to prevent it by any Expence whatsoever, because it is what renders useles and dishonourable, all the Expence the King hath been at. The next thing concerning Provisions, is to desire that all Provisions may be sent in such Vessels, as may be able to follow us, and ride with us in the Sea; but that till farther Order, they all go into *Harwich*, and there remain ready, upon the first Notice, to sail where they shall be ordered: and that if any come thither after our Departure, in Vessels unfit for that purpose, others may be provided at *Harwich*, and the Provisions shipped in them, the same to be for the Stores from the *Tower*, and all other Stores whatsoever for the Fleet. I shall not need to repeat to you any Desires formerly made for any Supplies to us, being secure, what is in your hands will not be neglected. I shall now return you an Answer to some Particulars in your Letters, not yet replied to, In the first place, concerning the Embargo, I have consulted the Flag-Officers, who are universally of Opinion against the taking of it off: first, they conceive, that

that it will not only prevent getting more Men, but a Means of losing those we have, when Ships shall, for refitting or cleaning, be sent into Port; whereas the Embargo continuing, those who return from Merchant-Voyages, must come to the King's Service when their Money is spent, and no Opportunity of serving in Merchant Ships. In the next place, they conceive, that when Trade is abroad, there will be a Necessity of Convoy to protect it, which will distract the King's Force, and hazard receiving Affronts frequently, since it will be easier for the Enemy to know where to send to watch our Trade, than for us to know what Force they have sent, so timely as to prevent them: And in this there is the more danger of being oppressed, because Convoyers cannot provide for themselves as Frigats without a Convoy may, when the Enemy is more powerful. Lastly, they observe the *Dutch*, to whom Trade hath always been thought more necessary than to Us, are sensible of these Disadvantages; and therefore have forbid Trade.

As to the punishing that Person at *Gravesend*, who bought Powder, I have consulted the Commanders, who find no Power to punish any thing done on Shore, or by any not in the King's Pay, being so restrained by the Act of Parliament; so that if the Gunner, or other in the King's Pay, who sold it, could be found, the Court-Martial could punish him, but not the Receiver on Shore.

As to the building and hiring more Ships, regarding only the prosecuting the War, it were very desirable that both went on; but since I

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perceive the King (upon other Considerations which I cannot so well judge of) is of another Opinion, I shall acquiesce in what he pleaseth to order in it, and shall endeavour to make these I have as useful to his Majesty's Service as I can. I cannot conclude this Letter till I have acquainted you with a Business which hath happened at *Langer-Fort*, the Relation of which I received from Captain *Lambert*, who was no otherwise concerned, than by the Hazard he run, being only a Passenger, and therefore could be no way concerned to justify any Miscarriages of the Master of the Ketch attending on this Ship; who coming out of *Harwich*, and passing by the Fort, the Fort shot a Gun before her four Foot, at which the Ketch lowered her Topsail, and hauled up her Boat to send on Shore, and there was already one Man in the Boat, when the Fort shot another Shot into her, killed one Man, wounded another, since dead, and took away part of the Master's Thigh, so that he is in danger also. I will not add any other Circumstances, which render the Officers there blameable in this Matter, but leave it to be examined by those Methods you shall judge fit. As to the Number of Landmen to be kept either in the Guards, or my own Regiment, I leave it wholly to your Dispose; only desiring regard may be had to recruiting the Fleet, in case of Sickness or Fight.

I am,

Your affectionate Friend,

J A M E S

Royal Charles.

*April 20. 1665.**

* This Year began the SECOND Dutch-War.

My Lord Duke of ALBEMARLE,

HAVING formerly, by the King's Approbation, desired you to take the care of giving all necessary Orders for the Affairs of the Navy, during my Absence, in the same manner as I ought to do, if Present, I should not now need to repeat it to you, were it not to acquaint you, that I have not only by word of Mouth, but also by Writing, given the principal Officers and Commanders of his Majesty's Navy, Directions to execute all your Commands. I desire you, if you find any Commanders or other Officers negligent in the Dispatch expected from them for his Majesty's Service, not to be sparing in using your Authority for their Punishment; whether by displacing them, or such other way as you shall judge fit. I have commanded my Secretary to leave with you all such things as may be necessary for your Information; if any thing be wanting, upon the least Intimation, it shall be supplied: So bidding you heartily Farewel,

March 22. 1664.

I am, &c.

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

BEFORE I leave *London*, I have thought fit to remind you of some things, which I judge of especial Concernment to the King's Service in the present Posture of Affairs: And in the first place, I desire you to take care, that the Victualler be from time to time, and especially now at the first setting forth of the Fleet, quickened in the Dispatch of Victuals to the se-

veral Ships; and that there be always in Readiness, Ships and Vessels for the Transportation of those and all other Stores. In the next place, I shall recommend to your Care the providing great Quantities of Canvas, Masts, Hemp, Tar, Cordage, Anchors, &c. Of all which, it is easy to conclude the Expence must be very great during a War, and as easy how dangerous the want of them may be; and therefore shall not need to use Arguments to induce your care in those things, especially since you cannot be unsensible, how much it will reflect upon your Office in general, if all Care be not taken in it.

As to Cordage, I shall only add this Consideration, That having found by Experience, that it hath been the Work of almost a Year, with your utmost Endeavours to work out in his Majesty's Rope-yards sufficient (with the Store you had, and a considerable Quantity bought) to Rig the Navy; if any sudden Service shall happen, it will not be possible for the King's Yards to furnish the necessary Supplies; and therefore the Consequence will be plain, that no Helps either of foreign Cordage, or the working in private Yards in *England*, ought to be neglected. As a thing conducing to the saving of Masts, and durableness of the Cordage, I recommend to your care the erecting of Stores for the standing Rigging; it is a thing easily done of small Expence, and granted by most, and even by yourselves, to be of very good use.

There is one thing more which hath been already determined to be done; but lest much

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other Business should make you lose the Summer for the execution of it, have thought fit to remind you of making the Mast-Dock, designed over-against *Black-Wall*; the use of which hath been sufficiently recommended to me by yourselves, as I now recommend to you the bringing it to Perfection.

For the general Dispatch of all Business, I recommend it to you, that at this time, as no Pains, so no Expence be spared, which may be necessary to the dispatch of Business: If it please God to give Victory to the King's Fleets, all these Extraordinaries will be fully paid; and on the other hand, if Opportunities should be lost by Thrift, the King's Treasure would not find itself increased by such good Husbandry; and therefore I must again recommend to you, to do your utmost for giving Dispatch upon all Occasions; for which, if you are not sufficiently provided with Instruments, I desire you to provide more, whether Clerks at the Office, or Agents, or other Instruments abroad; their Allowances will hold no Proportion with the Consequence of the good or ill Performance of the Service: and having this Liberty given you, you will judge yourselves inexcusable, if any thing fail on your parts.

There remains one thing to be recommended to you, which may much conduce to the King's Service, by the Satisfaction it may probably give to the Minds of the Seamen, which is the settling to publick Satisfaction the Business of the Chest, and taking care that those Accompts

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be truly stated, and the Arrears brought from any hands in which they now lie. You are not ignorant, that some Attempts have been made for doing this Work, by a Commission out of the *Chancery*, which hath hitherto been ineffectual, I hope your Endeavours may have better Success; I am sure it is more desirable (because more honourable to the Navy) that it should be rectified by yourselves, than by any other way; and at this time the doing of it would be Matter of Use as well as Reputation.

After having said thus much to you, it remains only, that I again recommend to you the redoubling your Care and Diligence in this Season, when the Honour of the King, and Welfare of this Nation depends so much upon you; which though they are the most weighty Considerations imaginable, and therefore nothing can be supposed to add to them; yet I promise myself so much from your Affection to myself, that your Diligence will not be lessened, by the Consideration of my being intrusted by his Majesty with the Conduct of his Fleet abroad. Upon all these Grounds, relying upon your utmost Care herein, I bid you heartily Farewel.

I am, &c.

J A M E S.

St. James's, March 22. 1664.

G E N T L E M E N,

I AM informed, that the Slop-fellers of his Majesty's Navy, by reason of their not having timely received such Moneys as have been due unto them for Cloaths by them supplied to

his Majesty's Fleet, have not been able to furnish the Seamen with Cloaths in so plentiful a manner from time to time, as their Necessities have required, whereby his Majesty's Service hath been prejudiced, and the Health of the Fleet much endangered: To the end, that for the future, the Seamen may be seasonably and sufficiently supplied with Cloaths, and the Slop-sellers may be enabled to do it, by the timely receiving such Moneys as shall grow due unto them, or in default thereof be left without Excuse; I desire you will take care, that hereafter, upon the Payment of his Majesty's Ships, such Moneys as shall appear upon the Books to be due to the Slop-sellers for Cloaths (being within the time to which such Ships shall be paid) may be laid by as the Pay, in such manner as I directed the Moneys due to the Chest should be laid by, and duly paid unto the Slop-sellers, or to such as they shall appoint to receive the same.

I am, &c.

J A M E S.

St. James's, Aug. 25. 1666.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING a little before the beginning of the present Year, sent you several Rules and Directions concerning the signing of Bills and Payments of Moneys, and being desirous to see what Effects the Method directed hath produced in this first Year, wherein it hath been practised; I desire you will prepare and present unto me in the first Week of *January* next, an Account of what Bills of the several Sorts men-

tioned in your weekly Accompts, shall have been signed betwixt the first of *January* 1665, and the first of *January* 1666, and which of them appear to have been paid; as also an Accompt of such Returns as have been sent you from the Treasurer of the Navy, of Moneys received and paid by him, within the time aforesaid, to the end that I may have a View of the Debts of the Navy, as far as such Accompts can shew it. And in case in this Year's Experience, you have found any Inconveniencies in the Method directed for Signing and Payment of Bills, which you judge fitting to be remedied, or that you can think of any farther Supplement to the Rules given, which may render them more conducing to the Ends for which they were designed; I desire to receive your Opinion therein, when you present me with the aforesaid Accompts. I cannot omit also, upon this Occasion, to remind you of putting in execution my late Directions to you for passing the Victualers and Purfers Accompts; the speedy adjusting of which, I believe may be of good Advantage to the King's Service.

I am, &c.

December 17. 1666.

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

FOR the better and more effectual enabling the Lord *Brounker* to perform that Part of the Comptroller's Office, which he is required by his Majesty's Order, sitting in Council, to execute, I desire you to give Directions to the Treasurer of the Navy (in case you do not judge it to be

be sufficiently provided for by the Rules for paying in course) that no Bills be hereafter paid, until they have been first entered in the Lord *Brounker's* Office, that so there may be no Mistake in the Treasurer's and Comptroller's Accounts; and also, that the Debt of the Navy may thereby always appear in the Books of the Office.

I am, &c.

February 1. 1666.

JAMES.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING lately directed that the Safety of his Majesty's Ships in the River *Medway* should be taken into consideration upon the Place, by some Persons sent down to that purpose, upon the Report which they have since made; I desire that you would give order, that the *Unity* may have twenty Seamen added to the forty already allowed; and that besides the *Dolphin* Fire-ship already about *Sheerness*, one other of those first ready (except those appointed for the *West Indies*) may be sent thither, and two others to lie within the Chain at *Chatham*, to be ready for any Occasion; that the *Unity*, *Dolphin* Fire-ship, and the two Ketches now attending there, may be forthwith cleaned, that each Ship and the Ketches may have their Hooks, Chains, and Grapnels furnished them, with each a good Pinnace, with ten Oars, with a small Grapnel and Chain: This is what I have at present to direct you for *Sheerness*; as for the the upper Part of the River of *Medway*, I desire you to take care that all his Majesty's Ships may

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be moored in the safest Places you can, especially the first and second Rate Ships; and that besides the compleating the Chain for their farther Security, the Ships *Charles* the *Fifth*, and *Matthias*, may be moored within the Chain in such manner, as that upon occasion they may bring their Broadfides to bear upon the Chain, and that a competent Number of Seamen may be allowed to be borne on them; that thirty good Pinnaces well fitted with Oars, Grapnels, and Chains may be provided in readiness. I desire you to give Order for the discharging the Men from all other his Majesty's Prize-Ships, not already fitted and ordered to Sea; and that for the better manning the Fleet intended to the *West Indies*, the Men discharged from them may be put on board such Ships bound thither, as shall be found to want them. Amongst the Ships, whose Men are to be discharged, I reckon the *Sophia*, which I mention particularly, lest her having been lately fitted for the Sea, might cause you to mistake; as on the other hand I would not have the *Elias* stopped, in regard I am informed she sails well, and may be fit for Service abroad.

I am, &c.

March 25. 1667.

JAMES,

GENTLEMEN,

YOU having lately moved me for a Warrant for your Allowance of Wages to such extraordinary Clerks as you have entertained, pursuant to my Directions given you to that Purpose by my Letter of the 22^d of *March* 166⁴.

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in order to the better enabling you to carry on his Majesty's Service under your Care during the War, I did then direct, that you should each of you for himself give me an Account under your Hands what Clerks you have employed extraordinary during the late War.

In pursuance hereof, the Lord *Brounker* hath informed me, that since the 16th of *January* last, at which time he was ordered to exercise that Part of the Comptroller's Duty and Office, which concerns the keeping the Checques and Compter-Books upon the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, and comptrolling the same; he has been obliged to entertain two extraordinary Clerks, for which he prays an Allowance of 50 *l. per Ann.* for the one, and the usual Sallary of 30 *l. per Ann.* for the other, to continue until the Business occasioned by the late War shall cease, or that I shall think fit to order otherwise. I do desire you to make an Allowance of the said 16th of *January* until this time, and to continue it until the future shall receive Directions to the contrary.

It is also represented unto me, that Sir *John Mennes* hath been necessitated to make use of one Clerk extraordinary for twelve Months, to assist in the Dispatch of the Business under his Care; for which I desire you to make him an Allowance of thirty Pounds.

Sir *William Penn* being by Order of the Council dated 16th of *January* 1666, directed to take upon him the Management of that Part of the Comptroller's Office, which concerned the

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Victuallers and Purfers Accompts, informs me, that he was constrained to entertain one Clerk extraordinary at the ordinary Sallary, and to promise the Addition of twenty Pounds *per Ann.* to another; both which I desire you to make Allowance of, from the said 16th Day of *January* 1666.

I have likewise received an Account from Mr. *Pepys*, that for the executing of the particular Office, as Clerk of the Acts, he has been forced to employ two Clerks extraordinary from the Beginning of the War, one whereof being employed in the Victualling Office then under his Inspection, assisted in both for the same Sallary, until *November* last; at which time his Victualling Employment determined, and he satisfied till then for one of these Clerks, he desires there may be allowed the ordinary Sallary of 30*l.* *per Ann.* from *October* 1664, and 50*l.* *per Ann.* for the other, from *November* last; and both to continue until such time as the Remains of the Work occasioned by the War, and the new increase of Work brought upon his Office by the Parliament, shall give way to their Discharge: which I think fit to consent to, and desire the same may be done accordingly,

I am,

Your affectionate Friend,

JAMES.

Whitehall,

March 31. 1668.

YOU are hereby required with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to sail with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, and repair into *Yarmouth* Road; and to continue

tinue plying at *Yarmouth*, for Protection and Security of the Fishery of his Majesty's Subjects in those Parts; and you are to take care that no Prejudice be done unto them, either by one to another, or by Foreigners, in sailing over amongst their Nets, or by any other voluntary or unnecessary Disturbance to their Fishery; and you are to require and oblige all Foreigners to keep at a convenient Distance from the *English* Shore, that so there may be room for his Majesty's said Subjects to follow their Fishing without Molestation of Strangers; and from time to time, as occasion offers, you are to give me an Account of your Proceedings. *Given, &c. at Whitehall, October 12. 1662.* JAMES.

*To Captain Humphry Conningsby,
Captain of his Majesty's Ship
Sorlings.*

WHereas by two former Warrants, I directed you to cause *Richard Fletcher* and *Simon Henvis* to be entred as Measurers of the Timber in his Majesty's Yards of *Deptford* and *Woolwich* respectively; by virtue whereof, they being constantly employed to measure such Timber as is served into his Majesty's said Yards, upon any Contract made, his Majesty's Service may be much prejudiced, the Store-keeper holding himself unconcerned in that Part of his Majesty's Stores, since there is another Officer appointed by Warrant for the doing thereof; whereby the Trust of that Store dependeth wholly on the Care, Integrity, and Ability of a
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Person much inferior to the Store-keeper. Upon due Consideration thereof, although I have not heard any Complaint of the Persons now employed there, yet I have thought fit to direct, that you recall those Orders, whereby the said *Richard Fletcher* and *Simon Hennis* are entred Timber-Measurers in the Yards of *Deptford* and *Woolwich*; and that the respective Store-keeper remain charged with that Trust, as formerly they have done; as also, that you consider of some Rules, whereby that sort of Provision may be more carefully received for the future (as well in the other Yards, as those abovementioned) than hitherto they have been. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, October 30. 1662.*

*To the principal Officers
and Commissioners of
his Majesty's Navy.*

JAMES

W Hereas I am informed, that it is an usual and frequent Practice of several Persons, being Strangers, and having no relation to his Majesty's Yards and Ships, to go on board the said Ships without any Notice given unto, or Consent obtained from the Master Attendants of the said Yards, which it is probable doth, and may tend to the Damage and Detriment of his Majesty's Service: These are therefore to will and require you, for the Prevention of that Inconvenience for the future, to give speedy Order, that no Strangers may be received on board his Majesty's Ships in Harbour, without

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without Permission first obtained from the Master Attendant of the Yard, where the said Ship shall be. *Given, &c.* October 11. 1662.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

JAMES.

SO soon as his Majesty's Ship under your Command is ready to put to Sea, you are to sail for *Dover* Road, and there receive on board * * * * * with such *Portugueses*, and such Goods as he shall direct; and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to transport them unto the Island of *Jamaica* in *America*, and to land there, according as you shall receive Direction from the said * * * †.

You are to continue no longer at *Jamaica*, than your Victuals will be sufficient to bring you back, but to hasten home for *England*, and bring the Ship into the *Downs*; and during your Stay at *Jamaica*, you are to follow such Orders as you shall receive from the Governor of that Island.

In your way to *Jamaica* you are to touch at *Barbadoes*, and in case any Passengers shall be willing to go from thence to *Jamaica*, you are to accommodate them with a Passage in your Ship (they finding their own Provisions) and to that purpose you are to stay ten or fifteen Days, in expectation of such as are desirous to go. And whereas I am informed of a great Abuse committed by some of the Captains of the King's Ships, who usually take in Passengers at the
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† There is no Name mentioned in the Original Letter.

Windward-Islands, and either make them pay for their Passage, or in lieu thereof, force them to serve so much Time as they think fit ; you are hereby strictly charged and required, not to do, nor suffer to be done any such thing in your Ship, but to give all Encouragement to such Passengers as shall be willing to go ; and the more of them you shall carry down, the greater the Advantage will be to the King's Service.

In case you shall have any Stores or Provisions on board you, for Supply of the Island of *Jamaica*, you are to cause them to be delivered to such Persons as the Governor shall appoint to receive them.

You are upon all occasions to endeavour to maintain his Majesty's Honour abroad, give Protection to his Subjects, and not injure any of the Subjects of his Friends or Allies.

You are hereby strictly charged and required, in case you meet with any foreign Ships or Vessels trading to, or from, or with any of the Lands, Islands, Plantations or Territories in *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America*, under the Dominions of the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, that you seize on the said Ships and Vessels ; in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, entituled, *An Act for the Encouraging and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation*, and send the same as a Prize for *England*. Given under my Hand at Whitehall, November 29. 1662.

*To Captain George Bernard,
Captain of his Majesty's
Ship the Gift.*

J A M E S.

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IN pursuance of his Majesty's Order, sitting in Council, dated the 4th of *July* 1660, directing that I should give Order for the Allowance and Payment out of the Treasury of his Majesty's Navy, of the yearly Sum of five Hundred Pounds, unto the Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy (comprizing therein, the Fee antiently paid to the Comptroller, out of his Majesty's Exchequer) the said five hundred Pounds *per Annum*, to be paid by quarterly Payments: You are hereby authorized and required, as often as the same shall become due, to make out Bills for the quarterly Payment of the said Sallary, unto the Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy for the time being accordingly, and this shall warrant your so doing. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall the 16th of July, 1660.*
JAMES.

To the principal Officers and Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy.

The like Order to the principal Officers, &c. to make out Bills quarterly, to the Surveyor of his Majesty's Navy, for the Payment of 400 Pounds, comprizing therein the Fee annually paid to him out of his Majesty's Exchequer.
Dated ut supra.

The like Order to the Principal Officers, &c. to make out Bills quarterly to the Clerk of the Acts of his Majesty's Navy, for the payment of three hundred and fifty Pounds *per Annum*, comprizing therein the Fee antiently paid to
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him out of his Majesty's Exchequer. Dated as on the other side.

THE King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, having formerly thought fit to constitute and appoint certain Commissioners to join with and assist the principal Officers of his Majesty's Navy in the management of the Affairs thereof: His Majesty now taking into his serious Consideration, how Important it is to his Majesty's Service, that the Office of Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy be fully and punctually executed; and likewise considering, that as well through the increase of the Navy, as the extent of the Duty of the said Place of Comptroller, it is impossible it should be exactly performed by one Person; as also that without farther Charge to his Majesty, one of the said Commissioners being authorized more particularly, to join and assist in the execution of the said Office of Comptroller, the Duty thereof may be better discharged, and his Majesty's Service be thereby much advantaged, continuing to the said Commissioner the Sallary formerly given him as Commissioner, without farther Allowance either for himself or Clerks: His Majesty, for these and other Considerations, hath thought fit, that Sir *William Penn*, Knight, at present one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, be authorized accordingly, to assist and join with Sir *John Mennes*, Knight, Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy, in the execution of the said Office of Comptroller. In pursuance

purfuance whereof, his Majesty's Pleasure is, That you prepare a Bill fit for his Royal Signature, authorizing the faid Sir *William Penn* to join with, and affist Sir *John Mennes*, Knt. Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy, in the Execution of the faid Office, with fuch Powers and Claufes as fhall be fit and neceffary for enabling him, the faid Sir *William Penn*, to perform the fame; and continuing unto the faid Sir *William Penn*, the Sallary and Allowance formerly given him for himfelf, and Clerks, to be paid as by his former Patent: And this fhall warrant your fo doing. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall the 5th of January, 1662. I am, &c.*

JAMES.

To Sir Geoffry Palmer, Knt. his Majesty's Attorney General, or to Sir Heneage Finch, his Majesty's Solicitor General.

Whereas I am informed, That *Philip Gardner*, a Bailiff of the *Tower*, hath lately arrested *Robert Swan*, Purfer of his Majesty's Ship the *Signet*, at the Suit of *Robert Burges*s, without having firft obtained Leave from myfelf for fo doing, which being in contempt of my Power, and contrary to the ufual Privileges of the Officers of his Majesty's Navy: Thefe are therefore to will and require you forthwith, to apprehend the Perfons of the faid *Philip Gardner* and *Robert Burges*s, and to bring them before me to anfwer their faid Contempt: And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs and Conftables, Headboroughs, and all other Offi-

cers whom it may concern, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting unto you, in the due Execution of this Warrant, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall the 6th of January, 1662.*

JAMES.

To Robert Smith, one of the Messengers of his Majesty's Chamber, or to any other Messenger of the same.

WHereas I have received Information, that several Persons do endeavour the embezzling and conveying away of Ammunition, Cordage, and other Stores and Provisions belonging unto his Majesty's Ships and Yards, to the great Prejudice of his Majesty in his Naval Affairs: These are therefore to will and require you, and you are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time, to make search for, and seize all such Ammunition, Cordage, and other Stores and Provisions as you shall find, or have good cause to suspect to have been embezzled out of any of his Majesty's Ships or Yards, by any Person or Persons; and cause the same so seized, to be delivered unto the Store-keeper of his Majesty's Yard at *Deptford*, taking his Receipt for the same; and you are to give an Account thereof unto the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy: And you are also hereby empowered and required to secure all such Person or Persons as you shall find embezzling or conveying away any of the said Ammunition, Cordage, Stores or Provisions, and cause

cause them to be brought before the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy. And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bailiffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other his Majesty's good Subjects, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to you, in the due execution of this Warrant, as they tender his Majesty's Service, and will answer the contrary at their Perils ! And I do also will and require the Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, that upon every Discovery and Seizure by you made, of any Ammunition, Cordage, Stores or Provisions, which shall appear to be embezzled from his Majesty's Ships or Yards, they make an Allowance unto you, of such Gratuity or Reward as they shall judge reasonable, for your care and pains therein ; and for the Premises, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at Whitehall the 26th of January, 1662.*

JAMES,

To Lamkin.

WHEREAS the King my Sovereign Lord and Brother, by his Majesty's Letters under his Privy Seal, dated at *Westminster*, the 20th of *January*, in the 14th Year of his Majesty's Reign, hath been pleased to authorize me to order and appoint the Sale of all useless and decayed Provisions, as Sails, Cables, Timber, Vessels, and other Stores in his Majesty's several Store-houses and Yards, which shall be found unfit for his Majesty's farther Service ;

these are therefore in pursuance of his Majesty's said Letters of Privy Seal, to will and require you forthwith, to put to sale all such useles and decayed Provisions, as Sails, Cables, Timber, Vessels, and all other Stores which are now remaining in his Majesty's Yards and Store-Houses at *Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham* and *Portsmouth*, which shall be found unfit for his Majesty's farther Service, in such way and manner as you shall judge most conducing and advantageous for his Majesty's Service, and according to the usual Custom of his Majesty's Navy; taking care that the Produce of the said Provisions be paid unto the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, and charged upon his Accompt accordingly, and this shall warrant your so doing. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall* this 2^d Day of January. 1662. JAMES.

To the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

W Hereas upon any Vacancies of Employment for Master-Gunners of his Majesty's Ships (happening either by Death or otherwise) the Persons who are appointed, by me, to succeed in the said Employments, do usually upon receiving their Warrants, procure themselves to be entred on board the Ships to which they are appointed, without giving any Notice thereof, unto the Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance, that so they may take care for the taking a survey of the Gunner's Stores, remaining on board the said Ship, and charge the

the same to the Accompt of the succeeding Gunner; by reason whereof, the Gunner's Stores are very liable to be embezzled, to the great Prejudice of his Majesty: for prevention of the said Inconveniencies, I think fit to direct, That for the future, when any Person shall bring unto you a Warrant from myself, for his being entered, as Master-Gunner of his Majesty's Ships, or Vessels, you forbear to grant any Warrant thereupon for his Entry, until he shall produce a Certificate from the Master or Officer of his Majesty's Ordnance, that they have given Order for the securing the Remains of Gunner's Stores, of the said Ship, for the due charging them on the said new Gunner; and this shall warrant your so doing. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall this 4th day of Feb. 1662.* JAMES.

To the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

I Having thought fit to appoint his Majesty's Ship under your Command, as also the *Paradox*, under the Command of Captain *Cottrell*, to be Convoys to the *Iceland* Fishery, for this ensuing Season; you are forthwith, Wind and Weather permitting, in Company of the *Paradox* (the Captain whereof is required to observe your Orders) to set Sail, and repair into *Tarmouth* Roads, and in your Way to call at *Alborough-sould*, *Dunwich* and *Walderswick*, for such Fishing-Vessels as are bound from thence.

Upon your arrival in *Tarmouth* Roads, you are to apply yourself to the Magistrates of that

Place, and to receive Advertisement from them what other Ports you shall call at, for any Fishing-Vessels, and what stay you shall make for any of them; whose Directions you are accordingly to observe, and then to proceed (together with the *Paradox*) with such Ships and Vessels under your Charge and Protection, unto the Fishing-grounds of *Iceland*.

Being arrived on the said Fishing-grounds, you are to use all possible Diligence and Endeavours for the Defence and Security of such Ships and Vessels of his Majesty's Subjects, fishing in those Parts, or that shall come after you to fish there, during the time of your stay, which is not to be beyond the 10th of *August* next, And you are to direct Captain *Cotterell* to take care either of the Vessels fishing to the *Eastward*, or of those fishing to the *Westward*, (and yourself to attend on the other) as may best tend to the Security and Safety of the Fisher-men.

On the 10th of *August*, or as soon before as the Fleet of Fisher-men, under your Charge, shall be ready, you are to set sail with them, and give them safe Convoy homewards to their respective Ports, and yourself with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to repair into *Tarmouth* Roads, and give me an Account of your arrival.

You are hereby required not to permit any of the Fishing-Vessels under your Convoy, to fish, or lay Line for Fish in any of the Places about *Iceland*, which are by the King of *Denmark*

mark prohibited to be fished in. And in case you shall find that it is prohibited by the said King to trade there for *Wadmoll*, or other Commodities, you are then to cause them to forbear falling into any such Trade.

You are upon all Occasions to endeavour the maintaining of his Majesty's Honour abroad, giving Protection to his Subjects, and not injuring any of the Subjects of his Friends and Allies; and from time to time, as Opportunity offers, you are to give me an Account of your Proceedings. *Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, the 11th of March, 166².*

To Captain John Fortescue,
Captain of his Majesty's
Ship the Hound. JAMES.

To JOHN FOWLER, Esq; Judge-Advocate
of His Majesty's Fleet.

WHereas upon Consideration had of the Usefulness of a Judge-Advocate to be appointed in reference to the Articles established by Parliament, for the regulating and better government of his Majesty's Navy, Ships of War, and Forces by Sea, I have thought fit to appoint you to be Judge-Advocate of his Majesty's Fleet: There are therefore, to will and require you, from time to time, to attend all Courts-Martial that shall be called on board the Ship *Admiral*, or any other Ship in his Majesty's Fleet, where you shall be present, for Trial of Offenders against the said Articles and Orders;

Orders; and to examine all such Persons as shall from time to time, during your Employment in the said Place, be brought or produced as Witnesses, in order to the due Proof of the Matter of Fact laid to the Charge of them, or any of them; and in all other things to do and perform the Duty of your Place, in as full and ample manner, as any Judge-Advocate of a Fleet might, or ought to do; and you are to observe and follow such farther Instructions and Directions, as you shall from time to time receive from myself, or the Commander in chief of the Fleet, where you shall be present: And for your Service herein, you are to receive such an Allowance of Sallary, Fees, Perquisites, and other Considerations as usually hath been, or that shall be thought meet to be allowed to a Judge-Advocate of his Majesty's Fleet. And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal, the 17th of January, 1662.*

JAMES.

WHereas it is become too frequent with many of the Officers belonging to his Majesty's Ships, to purloin and embezzle part of the Stores of the Ship, and upon any Discovery of the same for the better colouring of the Business, to pretend that they bought the said Stores with their Money, of private Persons, whenas really they were the King's; and that they can give no Account of the Persons from whom they pretend to have bought them: For the better preventing of the said Practice for the

the future, and to the end the Officers of his Majesty's Ships may be left inexcusable, I think fit to direct, that you cause to be published unto the Officers of his Majesty's Fleet, That in case any Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter, of any of his Majesty's Ships, shall henceforwards deal in any Stores whatsoever, of the sort of those which are usually delivered for the Ships use, upon pretence of buying or selling the same, or upon any other Pretence whatsoever, (it not being intended that the Officers of his Majesty's Ships should traffick) that upon the Discovery of any of the said Stores, they shall be deemed to be embezzled from his Majesty, and the Persons in whose hands the same shall be found, shall be esteemed Embezzlers of his Majesty's Stores, and shall be punished accordingly. *Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, March 27, 1663.*

J A M E S.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

WHereas several Doubts and Disputes do frequently arise concerning the vending of Cloaths in his Majesty's Ships; as also the Seamen of his Majesty's Fleet are very much abused by the corrupt Practices of Slop-sellers and Purfers, in the vending of the said Cloaths according to the manner now used, without any Restriction as to their Sorts, Proportions and Prices; I have thought fit, in order to the preventing of the said Doubts and Disputes, and for remedying of the said Abuses for the future,
to

to establish the following Instructions to be observed in the vending of Cloaths on board his Majesty's Ships: And do hereby require you to take care that the said Instructions be duly and punctually observed accordingly; and that the same be published on board his Majesty's Ships, to the end the Parties concerned may not plead Ignorance therein.

INSTRUCTIONS to be observed in the Impresting or Vending of Cloaths on board any of his Majesty's Ships.

I. THAT the several Kinds of Cloaths, viz. *Monmouth* Caps, Red Caps, Yarn Stockings, *Irish* Stockings, Blue Shirts, White Shirts, Cotton Waistcoats, Cotton Drawers, Neats Leather flat-heeled Shoes, Blue Neckcloths, Canvas Shirts, and Rugs; and these alone be permitted to be sold for the Benefit of those Seamen that shall want them.

II. That before any of the said Cloaths be sold on board any of his Majesty's Ships, the Prices thereof be rated by the Captain, Master, Boatswain, and Gunner thereof, or any three of them; which at the highest Valuation ought in no wise to exceed the Rates here under-mentioned.

				s.	d.
<i>Monmouth</i> Caps, each	—	—	—	2	: 6
Red Caps, each	—	—	—	1	: 1
Yarn Stockings, per Pair	—	—	—	3	: 0
<i>Irish</i> Stockings, per Pair	—	—	—	1	: 2
					Blue

			s.	d.
Blue Shirts, each	—	—	3	: 6
White Shirts, each	—	—	5	: 0
Cotton Waistcoats, each	—	—	3	: 0
Cotton Drawers, <i>per</i> Pair	—	—	3	: 0
Neats Leather-Shoes, <i>per</i> Pair	—	—	3	: 6
Blue Neckcloths, each	—	—	0	: 5
Canvas Suits, each	—	—	5	: 0
Rugs of one breadth, each	—	—	4	: 0
Blue Suits, each	—	—	5	: 0

III. That upon no Pretence whatsoever, the Vender of the said Cloaths shall exact any greater Price, than shall be stated by the Captain Master, Boatswain, and Gunner, as abovesaid.

IV. That as often as the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy shall see cause, they shall set or alter the Rates upon the aforementioned Cloaths and Goods, according to which they shall be vended for that Year, or longer, unless altered by their Order.

V. That none of the said Cloaths be permitted to be sold to any of the Ship's Company, till they have served two full Months from their entrance into Sea-Wages, and then not above the Value of ten Shillings, and rateable every two Months, ten Shillings more to the end of the Voyage.

VI. That no Tobacco, Strong-waters, nor other such-like Commodities be sold, nor any Debts for the same, or other old Scores be inserted in any Certificate to be paid for as Cloaths, or under the Pretence of Cloaths, at the Peril

of the Commander, Master, Boatswain, or Gunner, that shall sign the said Certificate.

VII. That no Payments be made to, nor Moneys collected by the Venders of the said Cloaths, Treasurer, or his Pay-master, nor any others for their Use, without a Certificate under the Hands of the Captain, Master, Boatswain, and Gunner of the respective Ships, or any three of them, specifying the several Kinds of Cloaths sold, the Quantities of each Kind, Parties to whom, and the total Sum due from each Party.

VIII. That at the Discharge of any Man that hath been intrusted with Cloaths, the Purser to take care at his Peril, to set apart upon the Ticket of that Man (in Words, and not in Figures) the total Sum intrusted; and at the end of every Voyage, to specify in the Margent of his Sea-Book, for the Treasurer and the rest of the Officers and Commanders, each Man's particular Debt for Cloaths, that so the same may be defaulted by the Pay-master accordingly.

IX. That no Debts whatsoever inserted by the Purser, either upon his Sea-Book, or Men's Tickets, other than for Cloaths, and the Kinds of Cloaths hereby tolerated to be sold, shall be stayed from poor Seamen by the Treasurer, or his Pay-master, upon no Pretence whatsoever, upon their Perils.

X. That the said Cloaths be supplied by the Vender as abovesaid, to such only as shall appear to the Commander and other Officers of the Ship, to be in present want thereof, and to be sold always above Decks, at the Main-Mast, in
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presence of the said Captain, Officers, and the whole Ship's Company.

XI. That the Cloaths of any Seamen dying in his Majesty's Service be sold in manner aforesaid, and reckoned as part of the Proportion hereby allowed to the Seamen who shall buy the same; the Proceeding thereof to be stayed by the Pay-master at the Pay-table, and by him forthwith accounted for, to the Executors or Administrators of the Person deceased, upon the Purser's Certificate of the Sum charged on the Sea-Book; who for his care in attending and charging the same, is to expect the Consideration here under provided in other Cases, and no more.

XII. That the Venders of Cloaths shall allow to each Purser Twelve-pence upon every Pound, for issuing his Cloaths, and keeping his Accompts, and no other Fees or Defaulcations shall be exacted or required for the same.

XIII. That if any Difference shall arise between the Purser and Slop-feller, or that the Slop-feller shall for any Reasons known to himself, (or that the Purser presuming that the Slop-feller can employ no other, obligeth him to any disadvantageous Terms) be unwilling to put his Goods in the Purser's Hands, it may be permitted him to intrust them with the Master, or any other Officers in the Ships. *Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, the 26th of March, 1663.*

JAMES.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

Whereas

WHEREAS the Governours of the Mystery and Commonalty of Barbers and Chirurgeons of *London*, have presented their humble Petition unto me, wherein they pray, that according to their ancient Privileges of placing Chirurgeons in his Majesty's Ships, (and viewing and approving the Chests) no Chirurgeon may be appointed to Sea in any of his Majesty's Ships, unless examined, allowed and approved of by themselves: Upon Consideration had of the said Petition, I think fit to direct, That from henceforward, no Chirurgeon be received to serve in any of his Majesty's Ships, who hath not been approved by the Masters and Wardens of Chirurgeons-Hall, and their Chests viewed by them; provided that no Persons be by the said Masters and Wardens appointed to go Chirurgeons, or their Mates, in any of the King's Ships, but such as have served their Apprenticeship to a Chirurgeon. And you are hereby required to take care that this Order be observed accordingly. *Given under my Hand, the 1st of April 1663.*

JAMES.

*To the Principal
Officers, &c.*

WHEREAS I have judged it necessary, in order to the preventing of any unnecessary Waste and Expence of Gunners-Stores on board his Majesty's Ships, that some Regulation be made, and the Expence ascertained (where

(where it may be) for your better Guidance, in making allowances to Gunners, upon passing their Accompts; I have thereupon thought fit to establish the several Rules and Directions following, which you are hereby required to cause to be duly observed by the respective Gunners of his Majesty's Ships, and to take care that no other allowances be made them on their accompts, than what are authorized by the said Rules; and to the end, none of them may pretend ignorance, you are to cause a Copy of the said Rules and Directions (such of them as are necessary for the Gunners to be informed in) to be attested under your Hand, and given to every Master Gunner of his Majesty's Ships, upon receiving his Stores from the Office of Ordnance.

For regulating the Ceremony of Honour in Salutes.

I. **T**HAT no Commander of a Ship of the second Rank, (being neither Admiral, Vice-Admiral, or Rear-Admiral) at the first coming, and saluting his Admiral, give to his Admiral above eleven Pieces, his Vice-Admiral nine, and Rear-Admiral seven, and the rest proportionably less by two, according to their Ranks; and the Commander of any Ship, is not to salute his Admiral after he hath done it once, except he hath been absent from the Flag two Months.

II. That when any Admiral of a Foreign Nation is met withal, he be answered by the like Number, by all the Ships that he salutes.

If a Vice-Admiral, then the Admiral to answer him with two less; but the Vice-Admiral, Rear-Admiral, and as many of the rest as he shall salute, are to give him a like Number. If a Rear-Admiral, then the Admiral, and Vice-Admiral to answer him with two less; but if he salute the Rear-Admiral, or any other Ship, they to return the like Number.

III. That in case a Ship of the second Rank shall carry any Embassador, Duke, or Noble-Man, he shall fire the Ordnance following, *viz.* at his coming on Board, eleven Guns; at his Landing, fifteen.

When they shall carry a Knight, Lady, or Gentleman of Quality, at their coming on Board, seven Guns; and at their Landing, eleven.

And the other Ships by two less, according to their Ranks and Number of Ordnance.

IV. That when any Man of War, or Merchant-man of another Nation, or of our own, salute any of the King's Ships, he is to be answered by two less.

V. That when any of his Majesty's Ships shall have occasion to salute any of the King's Castles, they are to give two Guns less than they are directed to give when they salute the Admiral as aforesaid.

*Rules for preventing the unnecessary Waste
and Expence of Stores.*

I. **T**HAT after the Ordnance in any Ship shall be laden, fit for Service, the Powder and Shot not to be scaled oftner than once in six Months, unless upon extraordinary Occasion.

II. That for the first Month, the Men to be exercis'd twice every Week, to the end they may become good Firemen, allowing six Shot to every exercising.

That the second Month they be exercis'd once every Week; after that, only in two Months, allowing six Shot each time of exercising.

III. That no Gunner be allowed by his Captain, upon his accompt, for the Waste of any Iron-work, Beds, Coynes, Coppers, Ladles, Sheet-Lead, Tanned-Hides, or other natures of Stores not perishable; but that the Gunner be obliged to make them good, unless it shall really appear to the Captain, and such Officers of the Ship that shall sign to his Accompt, that the same were lost, or wasted in Service.

IV. That the Gunner and Armorer in each Ship, be obliged diligently to look to the keeping oiled clean, and well fixed, all Musquets, Pistols, Pikes, Blunderbusses, Swords, Halberts, Hatchets, Brown-Bills, &c. and to return the same in like Condition, as they were received, (unless there be a sufficient Cause to the contrary): And to that end, that no Ar-

morer, or Gunsmith, being taken into any Ship, but such as shall be approved by the Office of Ordnance, for sufficient Workmen ; and not to receive their Pay, but upon Certificate from that Office, that they have well discharged their Duty.

V. That after an Engagement with an Enemy, an exact Survey be taken by the Captain and principal Officers of the Ship, (if absent from the Flag) but if with the Flag, by such as the Commander in Chief shall appoint, of all the Powder under the Charge of the Gunner, whether in Barrels, Cartouches, Gunners laden Collars of Bandeliers, or otherwise; and the said Survey be affirmed in his, or their hands, that from thence the Expence of Powder during the Fight may be ascertained.

VI. That every Commander and Gunner do certify unto the Master of his Majesty's Ordnance, from time to time, what Ordnance, Powder, Shot, or other Gunners-Stores shall come into his, or their Charge, out of any Ship taken as Prize, and that the same be charged by the Gunner upon his Accompt, and attested by the Commander and other principal Officers under their Charge.

VII. That if any Gunner shall receive any additional Supplies into his Stores, from any Fort or Garrison belonging to his Majesty, at Home or Abroad, or from any Vessel, or Ship, by order from the Admiral, or Commander in Chief of a Squadron, or otherwise, he be obliged to give his Hand to the Person or Persons from

from whence he shall have received the said Stores, and forthwith to advertise the Master of his Majesty's Ordnance, by a Letter, expressly setting down therein, the Name of the Person and Place from whence, and the Quantity and Quality of the Stores so received, and forthwith charge the same upon his Accompt.

VIII. That in case of the death of any Gunner at Sea, the Commander of the Ship do immediately cause a Remain of all his Stores to be taken, attested under his own and other the principal Officers of the Ship's Hands, and transmit the same by the first Opportunity, unto the Master of his Majesty's Ordnance, to remain as a Charge upon the succeeding Gunner in passing his Accompts.

To JOHN PITT, Gentleman.

WHereas it hath been always thought necessary and advantageous to his Majesty's Service, that a Muster-master should be appointed, to keep an exact and true Muster of all the Men appertaining to each Ship and Vessel of his Majesty's Fleet, for prevention of many Abuses that may be committed through defective Musters, not only to his Majesty's Prejudice, but tending likewise to the Peril of the Fleet: I have thought therefore fit, upon the good Testimony I have receiv'd, of your Experience and Fidelity, to appoint you to be Muster-master of his Majesty's Fleet, now bound forth to Sea, under the Command of

Sir *John Lawson*, for this present Expedition: Hereby willing and requiring you, in the careful Execution of this your Charge, from time to time to repair on board all the Ships and Vessels of the said Fleet, during their being at Sea, and as often as the said Sir *John Lawson*, Knight, Admiral of the said Fleet, shall direct you, to take exact Musters of all the Men that are on board them, belonging to the Complement of each Ship and Vessel; and to require and receive of the Purser four perfect Books of all such Men as are, or have been entertained into the said Ships and Vessels, mentioning the Time when they have been in Pay, their Entering, Discharges, Deaths, Turning-over, or Running away. Hereby also willing and requiring the Captains, Lieutenants, Masters and others, whom it may concern, to be no way opposite, but to be herein aiding and assisting unto you, for the advancement of his Majesty's Service. Hereof nor you, nor any of them, may fail, as you will answer the contrary at your Perils, for which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at St. James's the 6th of May, 1663.*

JAMES.

HIS Majesty's Pleasure is, That you take a Surrender of the Patent formerly granted unto *John Wells* Esquire, during Life, and by him assigned over unto *John Davies*, Gentle-

man, for the Place of Clerk and Keeper of the Stores of his Majesty's Navy at *Deptford-Strond, Chatham, Portsmouth*, and elsewhere. And that you draw a Bill fit for his Majesty's Royal Signature, in the same Form, for the granting of the said Place of Clerk, and Keeper of his Majesty's Stores at *Deptford-Strond*, and Places aforesaid, unto *Thomas Harper*, Gentleman, to continue during his natural Life; and to hold and enjoy the said Place in the same manner as the said *John Wells* and *John Davies*, or either of them, held and enjoyed the same; and for so doing this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St, James's the 21st of October, 1663.*

I am, &c.

JAMES.

To Sir Geoffry Palmer, &c.

YOU are with his Majesty's Ship *Leopard*, under your Command, to take into your Care and Convoy, the Ships *Bendish, Prudent, Mary*, and such other Ships, as shall be ready to sail with them, bound for the *Mediterranean*, or *Turkish* Parts, either from the River of *Thames*, or the *Downs*; and shall use the utmost Endeavour to convoy them in Safety, to, or near their respective Ports; always considering, that the chief End of your present Voyage, is the convoying the Ships belonging to the *Turky* Company: and therefore you are not to

go much out of your Way to any other Ports, nor to stay above 24, or, at the most, 48 Hours at any Port for other Merchants; in which time, if any *English* Ships shall present themselves bound the same Way with you, you shall likewise take them under your Convoy, so far as you may without diverting too much from your intended Voyage, in which you are to proceed as far as *Sicily*, or *Hope Bona*, (or if need be) 40 Leagues beyond; where you are to leave the said Company's Ships, to proceed on their Voyages, and yourself to return to *Alicant*, there to meet with Sir *John Lawson*, and the rest of his Majesty's Fleet, unless you shall receive certain Information by some of his Majesty's Frigats, of some other Place, of meeting his Majesty's Fleet.

In your return, if at *Sicily* you shall meet any *English* Ships, ready to sail homewards within three Days after your arrival, you are to convoy them so far as your Way shall lie together; but you are not to stay for them beyond three Days, in regard of the Necessity of your attending the rest of the Fleet in the Service intended for them; but shall, in case of their not being ready to sail within that time, make the best of your Way directly for *Alicant*, unless directed by Intelligence, received by some of his Majesty's Ships (as aforesaid) of the Place where you may probably meet the Fleet, in which case you are to sail thither. During this Voyage you are not to engage yourself in the convoying or protecting any Foreign Ships

Ships whatsoever, that so there may be no Pretence of Complaint by those of *Algiers*, whom you are not to suffer to make any other search on board any *English* Merchant-Ship, than to see the Pass under my Hand and Seal, or to see that the Ship be really manned by his Majesty's Subjects. During this time, you are not to receive on board his Majesty's Ship under your Command, any Goods and Merchandize, lest by so doing (besides the breach of the general Rule for his Majesty's Ships) you be obliged to go to any Port, to the neglect of his Majesty's Service, and the fruitless Expence of his Majesty's Treasure, at a time when there is a Probability of so much Use of all the Ships intended for that Service. Hereof you are not to fail, and for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall the 14th of December, 1663.*

JAMES.

*To Captain Richard Beach,
Captain of his Majesty's
Ship Leopard.*

WHereas the present Ordinary at *Chatham*, by the laying up of so many of his Majesty's Ships, is not only increased, but the Work on which they usually have been employed, upon setting forth and bringing in of Ships for repair, cleaning, or the like Occasions,

fions, very much diminished by the lessening of his Majesty's Fleets at Sea, whereby some of the Charge now employed on the Ordinary, may be saved to his Majesty ; for the more convenient effecting whereof, having conferred with yourselves concerning it, and having likewise received his Majesty's Approbation, sitting in Council, I have thought fit to direct, that you cause sixty Men for the Guard of the Navy at *Chatham*, to be borne on the *Sovereign* (the Officer of the *Sovereign* to be there included) to whom, when Arms shall be delivered, and the said Guard settled, you shall then order his Majesty's Ships, the *Truelove* and *Bramble*, to sail to *Deptford*, there to be unrigged, paid off, and laid up in the wet Dock, if there be room for them. And forasmuch as by the decrease of Business in that part of the Navy, which lieth at *Chatham*, there is not, at present, any Necessity of the constant Attendance of two Masters Attendants in the Yards, inso-much, that as I am informed, it hath, for some time, become a Practice to wait by turns : And whereas the care of his Majesty's Ships on float there, doth, under the Commissioner there residing, most properly belong to the Master-Attendants : I have therefore thought fit to direct, that one of the said Master-Attendants be by you appointed always to reside and command the Guard on board the *Sovereign*, according to former Practice ; and that they reside there either by Quarters, Half-Years, or longer times, as you shall think it best, lest by a
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shorter exchange of Residence between them, there may Confusion arise in the Service, or at least, Difficulty of discerning through whose Neglect, or Default, his Majesty's Service shall, at any time, have received Prejudice. And this Attendance on board the *Sovereign*, is to be understood as part of their Duty as Masters-Attendants, without any farther Pay for the same, in regard, that since the time the said Command was given as an Addition of Maintenance to the said Masters, there hath been a considerable Increase of their Sallaries in lieu thereof. In the setting the said Guard on board the *Sovereign*, you are to take into your Consideration, what number of Servants are fit to be allowed in that Number, and by Order from yourselves to establish the same, which being done for the greater certainty of having able and fitting Men employed on the Guard there; and likewise for the Encouragement of the Officers of the lesser Ships, and the necessary Support of the poorest of them, you are to cause such of the standing Officers of his Majesty's Ships, not borne in Harbour, as you shall judge fit, and who shall desire the same, to be borne and attended on the said Guard, until their respective Ships shall be set forth to Sea. And because the Number of such Officers, not borne in Harbour, is, at present, greater than probably can be receiv'd on board the *Sovereign*; for the farther Provision to them, I recommend it to your Direction and Care, to cause some of them (being fitly qualified for it) to be borne
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on the Yachts, causing others to be discharged, that so his Majesty's Charge may not be encreased thereby.

And, for the better performance of the Service required from the Guards, you are to give Order, that his Majesty's Yacht, called the *Femmy*, be carried into the said River, and that she be delivered into the charge of the Master-Attendant, residing on board the *Sovereign*; to the end, that being manned by some of the Guard, from time to time, she may be continually plying up and down in the River, as well for the preventing Embezzlements, or apprehending Offenders, as to give notice of the approach of any Danger. And herein the Master-Attendant is to take care that the Persons employed in the *Femmy* be diligent, and to cause them to be frequently changed according to his Direction.

You are to consider of some moderate increase of Wages to the respective Officers of the *Sovereign*, not regarding the Rate of the Ship (which would swell the Charge too high) but the Attendance required from them, and to report the same to me. The Servants borne on board the said Ship, are to continue to receive fourteen Shillings *per Menssem*, and the able Seamen and Officers borne, eighteen Shillings, besides one Shilling to be deducted for the Minister, Chest and Chirurgeon. As to their Victuals, I refer it to you, to give either Sea-Victuals or Petty-Warrant, as you shall judge most fit.

And

And lest the Officers, who are thus directed to be borne, rather out of Charity towards them, than for benefit to the King's Service, (which might have as able Men at the same Rate) should upon the Colour of their being Officers, presume to behave themselves, either negligently in their Duty required, or contumaciously against the Master-Attendant, and other Officers of the Ship, to whom they ought, (as common Men) to be subordinate: I do hereby declare, that if any of them shall be so presumptuous as to offend in that kind, that he shall not only be discharged from the said Guard, but that I shall look upon them as unfit to hold any Place or Office in his Majesty's Navy; whereof you are to give them Notice, that they may not pretend ignorance for an excuse. *Given under my Hand, at St. James's, the 21st Day of August, 1663.*

JAMES.

WHereas his Majesty hath thought fit by his Warrant, dated the 13th Day of *June*, 1664. to order the Impresting of Mariners to serve in his Majesty's Fleet, now going forth to Sea: These are therefore to will, authorize, and require you to impress, or cause to be impressed, such, and so many able Mariners and Seamen as shall be necessary for the compleating of the Number of Men appointed to be borne on his Majesty's Ship the *London*, and not exceeding the Number of three Hundred, giving unto each Man so impressed, one Shilling
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for Prest Money; which Moneys so disbursed by you, the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy are hereby required to cause to be paid unto you: and you are to cause the Men so imprested, to repair to his Majesty's said Ship, on which the Purser, or the Clerk of the Checque of his Majesty's Yard respectively are hereby required to enter them immediately upon their arrival. And in case they shall travel by Land, the Clerk of the Checque shall pay unto them, after the rate of one Penny *per* Mile, for Conduct Money. In the execution hereof, you are to take care in the first place, that the Men imprested, be able and fitting for his Majesty's Service, and that as much as is possible, you avoid the taking any Men from Merchant-ships, outward-bound, especially, such as shall be laden; and also, that when you shall take any from any Ships homewards-bound, you leave them a sufficient Number for the safe bringing their Ships into Harbour, and that you do not take from any Merchantships, the Master, Boatswain, or Purser. You are hereby strictly charged and required, that neither yourself, nor any authorized by you, do demand, receive, or take any Money, Gratuity, Reward, or other Consideration whatsoever, for the sparing, changing, or discharging any Person or Persons imprested, or to be imprested, by virtue of this Warrant. And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other his Majesty's Officers and loving Subjects, whom

whom it may concern, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting unto you, and those appointed by you, in the due execution of this Warrant, as they tender his Majesty's Service, and will answer the contrary at their Perils: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at St. James's, the 15th of June, 1664.*

*To Captain Jonas Poole,
Captain of his Majesty's
Ship, the London.*

JAMES.

JAMES Duke of York, &c. To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas, by an Act made in the Parliament, begun at *Westminster*, the 8th Day of *May*, in the 13th Year of his Majesty's Reign; intituled, *An Act, directing the Prosecution of such as are accomptable for Prize Goods*; it is provided, enacted, and declared, That all such Rights as during the Reign of his Majesty's Royal Father of Blessed Memory, or his Majesty's Reign, belonged, or appertained unto, the Lord High Admiral of *England*, or Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, for the time being, by virtue of the said Office, and have been at any time since the Year of our Lord God 1648, usurped, possessed, or seized, by any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick, or Corporate, and not having accompted for the same to any Authority, or pretended Authority, usurping the Government of this Nation, and not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion,

Oblivion, That all such Person or Persons, Bodies Politick, or Corporate, shall accompt, and pay the same unto me, upon Suit for the same in the High Court of Admiralty, as by the said Act of Parliament doth, and may more fully appear. Now, know ye, that I having received Information, that several Persons within this his Majesty's Kingdom of *England*, have not yet accompted, as aforesaid, for the several Rights and Dues by him usurped, possessed, and seized, belonging unto me, as Lord High Admiral of *England*, and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, as well in relation to Prize Goods, as for Flotson, Jetson, Lagon, Deodands, and otherwise; I have thereupon, out of the Trust and Confidence which I have in the Integrity and Experience in that behalf, of *Thomas Killigrew*, Esq; one of the Grooms of his Majesty's Bed-Chamber, *Philip Froud*, Esq; *John Paulett*, Esq; *Thomas Holder*, Esq; Auditor General of my Revenue, *George Tuke*, *Thomas Chevins*, Gent. *Thomas Ewen*, Sen. Merchant, and *Thomas Froud*, Gent. thought fit to nominate, constitute, and appoint; and I do by these Presents, nominate, constitute, and appoint them, the said *Thomas Killigrew*, *Philip Froud*, *John Paulett*, *Thomas Holder*, *George Tuke*, *Thomas Chevins*, *Thomas Ewen*, and *Thomas Froud*, or any three, or more of them (whereof the said *Philip Froud*, *Thomas Holder*, or *George Tuke* to be one) full Power and Authority, for me, and in my Name, and for my Use, at their own proper Costs and Charges,

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to arrest, and sue in his Majesty's High Court of Admiralty, or in his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, all such Person or Persons as shall be found to have usurped, possessed, or seized any Rights belonging unto me, as Lord High Admiral of *England*, or Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and have not accompted for the same, as by the said Act of Parliament is declared, as well, in relation to Prize Goods, as to Flotsons, Jetsons, Lagon, Deodands, or otherwise; and to recover the said Rights of the said Person or Persons, and also to do and perform all such other Matter or Matters, Thing or Things whatsoever, for the recovery of the said Rights, as may lawfully be done and performed, by virtue of the aforesaid Act of Parliament, and that in as full and ample Manner, to all intents and purposes, as I myself may do: Hereby, willing and requiring the Judge of his Majesty's High Court of Admiralty, and my Advocate and Proctor in the said Court, to be aiding and assisting unto my said Commissioners, or any three or more of them as aforesaid, in the due Prosecution of the aforesaid Persons, according as the said Act of Parliament directs, as well out of Term, as in Term, by all lawful Ways and Means. And for the avoiding chargeable Suits where they shall not be necessary, and that the Persons concerned shall be willing, without Process of Law, to yield unto me my Right; I do farther, hereby, authorize and empower the said *Thomas Killigrew*, *Philip Froud*, *John Paulett*, *Thomas*
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Holder, George Tuke, Thomas Chevins, Thomas Ewen, and Thomas Froud, or any three or more of them (whereof the said Thomas Holder, or George Tuke to be one) to treat and conclude with any Person or Persons, who shall be willing to yield unto me my Right: Hereby, obliging myself to Ratify and Confirm what shall be so agreed on by them on my behalf. Given under my Hand and Seal, at St. James's, this 20th Day of July, in the Year of our Lord 1664. And in the 16th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

JAMES.

To Captain THOMAS ALLEN.

WHereas it is probable, that several Places may become Vacant in his Majesty's Fleet, under your Command, either by Death, Sentence of the Court of War, or voluntary Resignation; for want of a timely Supply of which, some prejudice may happen to his Majesty's Service: I have therefore thought fit to authorize and empower you from time to time, by Commission or Warrant, under your Hand and Seal, to appoint such able and fitting Persons, as you shall think fit, to supply such places as shall become Vacant as aforesaid, in the Fleet under your Command, which said Officers so by you appointed, are hereby empowered to officiate in their respective Places. And all

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Officers and Seamen belonging to the said Fleet, are required to conform hereunto, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril. And for the Premisses, this shall be your Warrant, and their sufficient Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal, the 8th of August, 1664.*

J A M E S.

Instructions for Sir JOHN LAWSON.

WHereas I have thought fit, for his Majesty's Service, to order you with his Majesty's Ships, the *Resolution*, *Bristol*, and *Hind-Ketch*, to return for *England*: And, whereas, I have appointed Captain *Thomas Allen*, Commander of his Majesty's Ship *Plymouth*, upon your return, to take Charge of his Majesty's Fleet in those Parts: You shall therefore, before your coming away, consult with the said Captain *Allen*, (who to that purpose is ordered to communicate unto you his Instructions) and to advise him the best you can for the carrying on his Majesty's Service in those Parts; which done, and leaving to the Fleet there remaining, such Quantity of Victuals of all Sorts, as you judge you and the other Ships may spare, reserving enough to bring you to *Portsmouth*; you shall sail with the first Opportunity with his Majesty's said Ships, the *Resolution*, *Bristol*, and *Hind-Ketch*, into the *Spithead*; where being arrived, you are to give me notice thereof, to the end that such Orders may be given as his Majesty's Affairs at that time shall require.

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You are to cause the Deputy Treasurer of his Majesty's Fleet under your Command, (unless himself shall desire to remain with Captain *Allen*) to deliver unto such as Captain *Allen* shall appoint, all such Moneys, Bills of Exchange, or Letters of Credit, as shall remain in his hands for the King's Service. *Given under my Hand, at St. James's, the 11th of August, 1664.*

JAMES,

Instructions for Captain THOMAS ALLEN.

WHereas I have thought fit to appoint you to be Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Fleet in the *Mediterranean* Sea, in the room of Sir *John Lawson*, whom I have ordered to return for *England*; you are with his Majesty's Ship *Plymouth*, under your Command, together with his Majesty's Ship the *Crown*, (the Commander whereof is required to follow your Orders) to sail with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to *Tangier*; where, if you shall not find Sir *John Lawson* at your arrival, you shall then sail into the *Streights*, and use your utmost endeavour to find him out in your Way, inquiring at *Malaga* and *Alicant*, unless in the mean time you meet with some more probable Advice for the finding him.

Being arrived unto Sir *John Lawson*, you are to deliver to him, and to communicate to him these Instructions; which having done, you

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you are to consult with him about the way of carrying on the War against those of *Algiers*, and of the whole State of that Business; from whose Experience therein, you may receive very good Information.

The Season of the Year probably not permitting a Squadron of Ships to remain constantly before *Algiers*, whereby the *Turks* may be kept in; you are to consider of the most proper Stations for protecting his Majesty's Subjects, and annoying the Enemy, and to order Frigats to ply accordingly, with such Variations therein from time to time, as you shall judge fit.

You are likewise to consult with Sir *John Lawson*, about the fitting Means and Seasons for convoying his Majesty's Subjects into, and out of the *Streights*; to which end it may be necessary that some Ships remain always at *Tangier*: and when small *English* Vessels shall come thither, bound into the *Streights*, you may stop the first of them for such time as you shall think fit (not exceeding fourteen Days) until so many be arrived there, as may be considerable enough to have Convoy allowed them, and then you shall order them Convoy accordingly; to which Convoy you are to give such Orders as may tend most to their Security, and for conducting them, as near as may be, to their respective Ports.

When any Ship shall go from the Flag, to any Place, either upon convoy, or to clean, water, or victual, you shall assign them a certain Num-

ber of Days, beyond which they may not remain in any Port or Road, unless constrained by Weather, nothing being more important to his Majesty's Service in those Parts, than that his Majesty's Ships keep the Sea: And that the Convoys may sooner dispatch; let notice be given as often as may be over Land, to the *English* Merchants in the Parts whither they are bound, and of the time they are to stay, that so they may be prepared for their returns.

You are also to consult with Sir *John Lawson*, how his Majesty's Fleet under your Command may best be kept in a Posture of Defence, as to the *Dutch*, and yet carry on the Service against the *Turks*; whether by drawing the Fleet sometimes together, (Convoys excepted) or by keeping Scouts to attend on *De Ruyter* and his Fleet, and to act therein according to your best Judgment; but not to act any thing against them, without farther Orders, unless they shall first have done some Act of Hostility.

So long as Sir *John Lawson* shall stay with the Fleet, you are to follow such Orders as he shall give you; and when he shall come away homewards, you are to take upon you the Charge and Command of such of his Majesty's Ships as shall remain, and to wear a Flag in the Main-Top.

About the Space of six Weeks after Sir *John Lawson's* departure, you shall send home either the *Essex*, or the *Leopard*, as shall be found most convenient; and you are to contrive it so that

that such Merchant-Ships as shall be returning out of the *Mediterranean*, may be convoyed by her; to which end, if you judge it fit, in the mean time send her to *Leghorne*, or farther; if you hear of any considerable Ships to come home, and the time doth permit it, you may send her accordingly.

About a Month or six Weeks after her departure homewards, if Occasion of considerable Convoy require it; you may send home the other of the said Ships, unless the *Matthias*, which is chiefly intended for Convoy, may be better spared, or that the Convoy from *Newfoundland* returning, may supply that Occasion.

In general, you must contrive as much as may be to give Convoy to his Majesty's Subjects, in all their Trade in those Parts, which is the only means to preserve them in the winter Season; with which, if they on their Parts shall comply, by staying for Convoy, and keeping with it when given; it may be hoped (by God's Blessing) that the *Turks* may be weary of War with his Majesty, and be brought to a good Peace; the obtaining of which, you are still to aim at: to which end you are as often as you may (and by such means as you shall judge fitting) to keep a Correspondence with the *English* Consul, or any other *English* Merchants at *Algiers*: And when you judge it may be for his Majesty's Service, you may appear near *Algiers* with a considerable Squadron; and if you find means of treating, you may embrace it.

For your better Government therein, you shall have given you a Copy of the Instructions formerly given to Sir *John Lawson* ; by which, and the light which he, and the rest of the Commanders there will give you, of what is past, you will be able so to understand that whole Matter, as to judge what shall be fit for you to do ; always observing, that his Majesty will have no Peace with them, unless the Ships of his Majesty's Subjects may pass as free from search, or any kind of Molestation, as they ought to have done by the Articles of the last Peace ; a Copy whereof shall be likewise given you, for your better Guidance in this matter.

That main Article being reserved, for other Circumstances, it is not probable they will stand with you ; as on the other side, it will not be necessary for you to insist rigidly on such things as do not conduce to the Preservation of that main Point ; nevertheless, (if you cannot obtain Reparation for the Injuries already done against the last Peace) you shall insist upon the punishing the first Breakers of the Peace, or some of them, and of the Persons principally guilty of the Inhumanity lately used towards the Consul : In which, if you shall not be able to obtain the punishing of those Offenders, with Death, it is left to your Discretion, (with the Advice of the Consul) to accept of the Infliction of such other Punishment on them, as you shall think sufficient, for vindicating his Majesty's Honour, and securing a better Observation of the Peace for

the future. In the mean time, if there shall be Opportunity of procuring the release of the Consul, you are to endeavour it; if not otherwise, by the exchange of any Slaves you shall take. And if any Seamen shall be taken serving in Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects, without their own default, by neglecting or deserting their Convoy, you shall embrace all Opportunities of exchanging them for such Slaves as you shall have taken, selling the rest of the Slaves to his Majesty's best Advantage.

In case of meeting with the Ships of War of any other Nation, you shall conform unto the general Instructions in that behalf given, concerning Salutes, with this Limitation, that you enquire of Sir *John Lawson*, what Method he used with the Duke of *Beaufort*, and in other Cases of the like nature; and if you find he hath not done any thing in that matter, to the Diminution of his Majesty's Honour, (as I assuredly believe he hath not) you shall then follow the same Method that he hath observed, lest the variety that Strangers may observe in several Commanders, induce them to think, that it doth not proceed so much from his Majesty's Orders, as from the Commanders themselves; whereby they may be encouraged to attempt some Novelty, to the prejudice of his Majesty's Honour.

You are to correspond with Sir *Richard Fanshawe*, Knight, his Majesty's Embassador at *Madrid*; and, to that end, to receive from Sir
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John Lawson, the Cypher remaining in his hands.

You are to put in execution, so much of Sir *John Lawson's* Instructions, as concern the short Allowance to the Seamen, the Government of the Fleet, and such other things as are not yet performed; and which the present State of Affairs with *Algiers* requires, or may admit of; excepting only the sixteenth Article, which regards the lessening of the Fleet, and returning with part thereof, in case of Peace made with *Algiers*; which, in the present Posture of Affairs, I do not judge fit to be done, without particular Orders: Yet so as in all Cases you may act according to your own Judgment, in sending Ships on Convoy, or to carry, or bring Letters or Intelligence, or such other Occasions as you shall find cause.

You are, from time to time, as often as Opportunity shall present, as well over Land, as by Sea, to give me an account of your Motions and Proceedings, and to send to, or call at *Alicant* and *Malaga*, frequently to receive Letters and Orders: And you are also to leave Directions at *Tangier*, where any Ships that shall be sent to you, may probably find you. Given under my Hand at St. James's, the 11th of August, 1664.

JAMES.

THESE are to will and require you, forthwith to impress such, and so many able Trumpeters, as shall be necessary to be

employed in his Majesty's Fleet, now going forth to Sea, under the Command of Prince *Rupert*, to be entered on board so many of his Majesty's Ships, as his Majesty's Service shall require, giving unto each Man, so by you imprested, one Shilling for Prest-money; which Money so disbursed by you, the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, are hereby required to cause to be repaid unto you: And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other his Majesty's Officers and loving Subjects, whom it may concern, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting unto you, as they tender his Majesty's Service, and will answer the contrary at their Perils: for which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at St. James's, 19th of September, 1664.*

J A M E S.

To Jervas Price, his Majesty's Serjeant Trumpeter.

WHereas his Majesty hath been pleased to order the Impresting of Mariners, Seamen, &c. to serve in his Majesty's Fleets: These are therefore to will and require you, forthwith to impress, or cause to be impressed within the County of *Devon*, as well within the Liberties as without, seven hundred able Mariners or Seamen; and send them into *Plymouth*, there to be put on board such of his Majesty's

Majesty's Ships, as shall be appointed to receive them, giving unto each Man so imprested, one Shilling for Prest-money; and after the rate of one Penny *per* Mile for Conduct-money, from the Place where they shall be imprested unto *Plymouth* aforesaid. You are to take care, that no Person employed by you do demand or receive any Money, Gratuity, or Reward, or other Consideration whatsoever, for the sparing, changing, or discharging any Person or Persons imprested, or to be imprested, by Virtue of this: And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bailiffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other his Majesty's Officers, and loving Subjects whatsoever, whom it may concern, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting unto you, and such as are appointed by you, in the due execution of this Warrant, as they tender his Majesty's Service, and will answer the contrary at their Perils: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at St. James's, this 1st Day of October, 1664.*

JAMES.

*To Sir Hugh Pollard, Baronet,
my Vice-Admiral for the
County of Devon, or to his
Deputy.*

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*Instructions for Sir HUGH POLLARD, Baronet,
my Vice-Admiral for the County of Devon.*

WHereas I have thought fit, by my Warrant herewith sent, to order you to impress seven hundred Seamen within your Jurisdiction, in the County of *Devon*: In the execution of the same, you are to observe the following Instructions:

You are to employ such and so many discreet Persons in the Impressing of the said Men, as you shall think fit; giving them such Directions for performing the same effectually to the King's Service, and with as little Grievance to the King's People, as may be, as in your Judgment will be found most expedient.

You are to direct them to be very careful in the choice of Men, that they be able Men fit for his Majesty's Service, that so his Majesty's Treasure may not be unnecessarily wasted, as well as his Majesty's Service disappointed: And that they take care to inform themselves, as well as possibly they can, of the true Names and Dwellings of the Men impressed, to the end, such of them as shall not appear, may be found out and punished.

As any are impressed, you are forthwith to send them away unto *Plymouth*, there to be put on board such Ships as shall be appointed to receive them; giving unto each Man (together with their Prest and Conduct-money) a Ticket under your Hand, mentioning his Name,
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and the time when he is to appear at *Plymouth*. You are to appoint some Person at *Plymouth*, to take care to pay unto each Man that shall arrive there, eight Pence a-day for his Maintenance, for so long time as they shall continue there, until Provision of Shipping be ready for them, if the Ship shall be detained by contrary Winds.

If you shall find it necessary at any time to have the Assistance of the Deputy-Lieutenants, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, or any other Officers of the County, or any Magistrates of any Place or Corporation, you are to make your Application to them in such manner, as may be suitable to the Trust the King reposeth in them, and the Quality of the Persons, and desire their Assistance accordingly; giving an account to me of the Names of such as shall refuse, or delay to assist you, or those employed by you.

You are to send up unto the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, a List of the Names of such Men as shall be imprested, with an accompt of the Moneys you shall pay unto each Man; and also an accompt of all such other Moneys as you shall disburse, upon this Service; which Moneys they will take care shall be speedily reimbursed unto such, as you shall appoint to receive the same.

You are to take care, that all diligence be used in the Impresting of these Men, and that they suddenly be at *Plymouth*, his Majesty's Service

Service requiring all possible dispatch herein.
Given under my Hand at St. James's, the 1st
of October, 1664.

JAMES.

WHereas it is very probable, that there will be occasion of cleaning and refitting several of his Majesty's Ships in the Port of *Harwich*; in order to which, it will be necessary that some able Ship-wright be appointed to attend there: And I having thought fit to appoint *Anthony Dean*, at present Assistant to the Master Ship-wright at *Woolwich*, in that Service: These are to will and require you, forthwith to cause the said *Anthony Dean* to be entered Master Ship-wright of his Majesty's Yard and Navy at *Harwich* accordingly: To hold the said Employment, together with such Allowance of Sallary and Accommodation, as was formerly allowed unto the Master Ship-wright there; but during my Pleasure only. For which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, the 10th of October, 1664.*

JAMES.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

YOU are not to imprest into his Majesty's Service any of the Company (being four Men) belonging to the Smack *Elizabeth*, whereof *Thomas Brown* is Master; which is employed in the bringing of Fish to the Cities of

of *London* and *Rocheſter*; Provided that this be not underſtood any way to privilege the ſaid *Thomas Brown*, or any of his Men, from being employed, as they have lately been, for the rigging and fitting of his Maſteſty's Ships at *Chatham*, according as they ſhall be required thereunto, by the Officers of his Maſteſty's Yard there. *The 29th of October, 1664.*

JAMES.

To all Captains, &c.

Whereas I judge it very neceſſary, that ſome fit, able and experienced Perſon be appointed Chirurgeon-General of his Maſteſty's Fleet now fitting forth to Sea, for his Maſteſty's Service in the Narrow Seas, the better to provide for, and take care of ſuch ſick and wounded Men as ſhall happen therein: I have therefore thought fit to appoint *James Pearſe*, one of my Chirurgeons in Ordinary, to be Chirurgeon-General of his Maſteſty's Fleet. Theſe are therefore to will and require you forthwith to cauſe him the ſaid *James Pearſe* to be entered Chirurgeon-General of his Maſteſty's Fleet accordingly, together with ſuch Sallary and Allowances as are proper, and have been uſual for a Chirurgeon-General to have and receive for that Service: And for ſo doing, this ſhall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, the 5th of October, 1664.*

JAMES.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

Instructions

Instructions for Sir WILLIAM PENN.

IN pursuance of his Majesty's Directions given to me, you are hereby required in case this shall find you in the *Downs*, that so long as the Wind shall continue to hinder your coming to *Portsmouth*, as often as you may, you send out some Ships to ply in the Narrows, giving them Orders, that if they meet with *Dutch* Ships, whether homeward or outward bound, that they seize them, and send them into the next convenient Port, in order to their Examination; and in case that any of them shall resist, they are to endeavour to take them by Force, or destroy them, whether they be Merchant-men, or Men of War. You are to direct the Commanders, that when any of them shall seize any Ships as aforesaid; upon their arrival in any Port, that they cause them to be delivered unto the Custody of the Vice-Admiral of the County where such Port shall be (if upon the place) or otherwise to his Deputy; giving likewise Notice to the chief Customer in the said Port, to the end that they may join with the Vice-Admiral or his Deputy, in taking care of such Vessels, and their Lading, and directing the Captain immediately to give notice to the Committee of the Council appointed for the Navy. You are to direct the Commanders to take special care the Holds be spiked up, and all other means used for preventing embezzlement, especially of Bills of Lading, and other
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Papers, that so in case Satisfaction be given to his Majesty; they may be in Condition to be restored. You are not to understand this to be intended for any Contradiction of your former Orders, but you are to take the first Opportunity of bringing the Ships under your Command to the *Spithead*, in case any other of his Majesty's Ships, besides those mentioned in the former Orders for your Sailing, shall meet you: You are to give them the like Directions, and the Commanders of them are hereby required to obey your Orders; and you are yourself, in your way to the *Spithead*, also to endeavour the seizing of all Ships as aforesaid; and, if the Wind favour, to bring them with you, you are to give especial Directions for the speedy returning to the respective Ships, all such Men as be employed for the carrying in of Prizes, that so the Strength of his Majesty's Fleet may not be diminished thereby; and for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Portsmouth, this 11th of November, 1664.*

J A M E S.

WHereas there are at present on board his Majesty's Fleet, divers Men, who having been prest into his Majesty's Service, have not means of providing themselves with Cloaths and other Necessaries, insomuch as not only themselves are thereby impoverished, but likewise the Health of the Ship's Company may be endangered. And, whereas by the Rules formerly established, for the delivering out of Cloaths to the

the Seamen in his Majesty's Ships; none are permitted to be delivered out, but to such as shall have served two Months, and to them in a small Proportion therein mentioned; the Observation whereof in the present Case may prove very inconvenient. I have therefore thought fit to dispense therewith; and do hereby give Liberty to Purfers, during the first two Months, that any Seamen or Soldiers shall be on board his Majesty's Ships, to deliver out unto them such Cloaths as the Commanders of their respective Ships shall direct; provided always that the said Cloaths be delivered at the Mast, according as is directed by the Rules for delivering of Cloaths, and that they exceed not the Pay which shall be accrued to such Persons to whom they shall be delivered; that so no damages may be pretended by the Purfers or Slop-sellers, from the King. And also provided, that this Order be not construed any ways to make void the aforesaid Rules established, for vending of Cloaths on board his Majesty's Ships; but that the same be duly observed, excepting only for the first two Months as aforesaid. And hereof the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, and the Paymasters, and also the Commanders and Purfers of the respective Ships, are hereby required to take notice. *Given under my Hand at Portsmouth, the 22^d of November, 1664.*

JAMES.

Whereas the King hath been pleased by his Declaration of the 28th of *October*, 1664. to give unto the Seamen employed in his Majesty's Service, such Goods as shall be found between the Decks of Ships, taken as Prize; and for the better securing, and more orderly disposing of the same, it hath been thought fit that some Persons be appointed in each Port to take care of the said Goods so soon as any Prizes shall be brought, and to secure them for the use of the Seamen, in case the said Vessel shall be found Prize: I have therefore thought fit to appoint, and I do hereby appoint you *Robert Stockdale* to take into your Care and Custody such Goods as shall at any time be found between Decks, of any Ships brought into the Port of *London*, as Prize belonging to the Seamen; by Virtue of his Majesty's Declaration. Which, after they shall be condemned, you are to dispose of, according as you shall receive Directions from myself, or any two or more of the Flag-Officers of his Majesty's Fleet. And, forasmuch as the King hath also been pleased to grant by his said Declaration, as a Reward to the Seamen for their Service, ten Shillings *per* Tun, of all Ships that shall prove Prize, and six Pounds, thirteen Shillings and four Pence for every Piece of Ordnance: you are therefore as often as any Prizes shall be brought into the Port of *London*, to take care that the said Ships be viewed, and the Tunnage duly computed, and an Accompt of the Ordnance on board taken, that

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so demand may be made for the same, on the behalf of the Seamen, after the said Ships are condemned; and for avoiding of all Disputes therein, you are to desire the Commissioners appointed by his Majesty, for Prize Goods in the said Port, to appoint some Persons on his Majesty's behalf, in the Computation of the Tunnage, and Guns as aforesaid; and for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall, this 17th of January, 1664.*

J A M E S.

To Robert Stockdale, Gent.

Instructions for Captain RICHARD HODGES.

WHereas his Majesty's Ship *Centurion*, at her coming lately from *Elsinore*, left riding there some Ships bound for *England*, with Provisions fit and proper for the use of his Majesty's Navy, which having neglected the Opportunity of his Convoy, may possibly be in danger of being intercepted by the *Dutch*; you are therefore, with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, together with his Majesty's Ships named in the Margent, (the respective Commanders whereof are hereby required

Diamond,
Mermaid,
Nightingale,
Eaglett-Ketch.

to observe your Orders) to sail towards the *Ulye* or *Fexel*, and ranged along the Coast, to sail to the *Scaw*, and either by the Ketch or over land, as you shall see most convenient, you are to send to *Elsinore*, to enquire what

Ships are remaining there bound for *England*, especially such as are laden with any Provisions fit for Shipping, which you are to take under your Convoy, and return with them to *Harwich*. If in your way thither, you happen to meet with any *Dutch* Fishermen upon the *Doggerbanke*, or elsewhere; you are not to encumber yourselves to disfurnish your own Ships, by manning their Vessels you shall take, (their value or use being inconsiderable;) but taking the *Dutch*-men on board you, you are to keep them Prisoners until your return, and to sink, or otherwise destroy the Vessels, out of which you shall have taken them. In case the Ships for the Convoy of which you are sent shall be come away before your arrival there, you are then, Wind and Weather permitting, to return by the Coast of *Scotland*, calling at *Leith*, and to give notice of your being there to the Lord *Rothes*, his Majesty's Commissioner in *Scotland*, or to his Majesty's Council at *Edinburgh*, and to receive on board such Seamen for his Majesty's Fleet as shall be in readiness to be put on board you in two or three Days: and from thence, you are, Wind and Weather permitting, to call at *New-Castle*, *Bridlington*, *Humber* and *Tarmouth*, and to give Convoy to such Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be there, or at any other of the Northern Ports, bound towards the River of *Thames*, whom you are to convoy as far as *Harwich*; where, yourself with the rest of his Majesty's Ships with you, are to expect farther Orders;

Orders; giving frequent notice by all Opportunities, of your Proceedings in the execution of these Orders. In case you shall judge the Victuals on board the Ships ordered for this Service, to be too short, you are to supply them out of the *Adventure* and *Eagle*, who may be again supplied, either from *Dover* or *Harwich*, according as shall be adjudged most fit, by the Commander in chief in the *Downs*, whither you are to direct them to sail, upon your Departure, to receive farther Orders. Upon your receipt of these Orders, you are to consult with the Commanders of the Ships ordered for this Service, and by Advice with them, to agree on the most convenient Place of Rendezvous, for any farther Supply of Shipping to be sent you, in case any Intelligence of the Motion of the Enemy shall induce me to judge it necessary; and to give me an account of the Place which you shall agree to be most proper for your Conjunction. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, the 20th of January, 1664.*

JAMES.

HIS Majesty's Will and Pleasure is, that you take a surrender of a Patent formerly granted unto *Edward Gregory*, Gent. for the Office or Charge of Clerk of the *Checque* of his Majesty's Yard at *Chatham*; and that you prepare a Bill for his Majesty's Royal Signature, containing a Grant of the said Office or Charge of Clerk of the *Checque* of his Ma-

jeſty's ſaid Yard at *Chatham* unto *Edward Gregory*, the younger, Gent. Son to the aforeſaid *Edward Gregory*, to continue during his natural Life; with ſuch Sallary, Allowances, Profits, Privileges, and Immunities as are thereunto incident and appertaining, in as large and ample manner as hath been uſually enjoyed by the ſaid *Edward Gregory* the elder, or any former Clerk of the *Checque* of the ſaid Yard. And for ſo doing, &c. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, the 11th of Feburary, 1664.*

JAMES.

*To Sir Geoffery Palmer, Knight,
and Baronet, &c.*

To THOMAS CHICHELEY, Eſq;

WHEREAS the King hath been pleaſed, by his Maſteſty's Declaration of the 20th of *October, 1664*, to give unto the Seamen employed in his Maſteſty's Service, as an Encouragement to them, certain Shares and Rewards out of all Ships taken as Prize, when the ſame ſhall be condemned: For the better ſecuring, and more orderly diſpoſing of the ſame, ſome Perſons are appointed in the ſeveral Ports to take care of the ſeveral Shares and Rewards, ſo ſoon as any Prizes ſhall be brought in; and to ſecure the ſame for the uſe of the Seamen, in caſe the ſaid Veſſel ſhall prove Prize. And whereas, it hath been thought fit, that ſome fitting and reſponſable Perſon be appointed

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Treasurer-General, for the receiving and issuing out such Moneys as shall arise by the said Shares and Rewards, by virtue of his Majesty's said Declaration; I have therefore thought fit to constitute, and do hereby constitute and appoint you the said *Thomas Chicheley*, Esq; to be Treasurer-General as aforesaid; and do hereby authorize and impower you to demand and receive from the several Persons in each Port as aforesaid, all such Moneys as shall arise by the Sale of any Shares or Rewards out of any Ships, in and condemned as Prize, which are due unto the Seamen; the ten Shillings *per* Tun, and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for every Piece of Ordnance in all Ships which shall be condemned as Prize, which is given by his Majesty, as a Reward unto the Seamen for their Service; which said Moneys you are to pay and dispose of, from time to time, according as you shall receive Direction from myself. And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 11th of March, 1664.*

JAMES.

WHereas I have very good Testimony of *Francis Hosier*, as a fit and able Person to execute the Place of Muster-master to his Majesty's Navy at *Gravesend*: These are therefore to will and require you, forthwith to cause him the said *Francis Hosier* to be entered Muster-master of his Majesty's Navy at *Gravesend* accordingly: To hold the said Place, together

together with such Sallary and Allowances as are thereunto belonging, in as large and ample manner as any of his Predecessors, Muster-masters at *Gravesend*, have formerly held and enjoyed the same; but during my Pleasure only. And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, the 11th of March, 1664.*

JAMES.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

To THOMAS WHIGHT, Gentleman.

WHEREAS it is judged necessary, that some able and experienced Person be appointed to officiate as Agent in the Port of *Dover*, for the Affairs of his Majesty's Fleet; I have therefore thought fit to constitute and appoint, and do hereby constitute and appoint you the said *Thomas Whight*, to be Agent for the Affairs of his Majesty's Fleet, in the Port of *Dover* accordingly; and do hereby authorize and require you, from time to time, to take care of the Dispatch of such Ships of his Majesty's Fleet, as shall come into the said Port to be repaired, cleaned, or refitted, using your utmost Diligence, that they may be speedily hastened out to Sea again, to attend his Majesty's Service; and therein to follow such farther Orders, as you shall receive from myself, or the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy. And for so doing, this shall

shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at St. James's, this 13th of March, 1664.*

JAMES.

To Captain JOHN FORTESCUE.

WHereas in this time of extraordinary and pressing Service, the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy cannot so well and frequently attend the Dispatch of his Majesty's Ships fitting out from the River of *Thames*, or elsewhere, nor see the execution of mine, and their own Commands in relation thereunto, as his Majesty's Service doth at this time require; whereby it will be requisite, that some diligent and experienced Person be appointed to act as Agent under them, that may take care for the speedy putting in execution their Commands, in relation to his Majesty's Naval Affairs: And being well satisfied of your Ability, Experience, and Diligence in that behalf, I have thought fit to appoint, and I do hereby constitute and appoint you the said Captain *John Fortescue*, to be Agent under the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, for the Affairs of his Majesty's Navy; and do hereby will, authorize, and require you to take care for the speedy putting in execution all the Commands and Orders issued by me, or the said principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, for the speedy Dispatch of such
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Ships as are, or shall be fitting forth in his Majesty's Service, and other Affairs relating to his Majesty's Navy; and to quicken all the Officers of his Majesty's Yards and Ships, and all others employed in his Majesty's Naval Service, in the doing of their Duties: And in case of any Remissness, Negligence, or Failing in their Duties, of any of them, or of any other Obstruction which may happen in his Majesty's said Service, you are to give Information thereof unto myself, or to the said principal Officers and Commissioners; to the end, that the said Persons may be punished, and the said Obstructions removed, whereby his Majesty's Service may receive no prejudice: And all the Officers of his Majesty's Yards and Ships, and all other Persons whatsoever, employed in the Service of his Majesty's Navy, are hereby strictly charged and required to be observant to you, and to be aiding and assisting to you in the due execution of such Commands, as you shall receive from myself, or the said principal Officers and Commissioners as aforesaid. *Given under my Hand and Seal, the 17th of March, 1664.*

JAMES.

WHereas the Posture of his Majesty's Affairs, at this time, requires my Presence on board his Majesty's Fleet, so that by reason of my Absence from hence, I shall not be able to give you the Directions necessary, and with that

that speed, which the Nature of the Business may require; whereby it becomes necessary, that some Person of known Ability and Affection to his Majesty's Service be appointed, to whom you and all other Officers relating to the Affairs of his Majesty's Navy, may at all times resort for Orders and Directions: And having had most undoubted Evidences of the Experience, Ability, and Zeal to his Majesty's Service, of *George Duke of Albemarle*, I have, with his Majesty's Consent and Approbation, appointed him the said Duke of *Albemarle*, in my Absence, to order and govern all Affairs relating to his Majesty's Navy, willing and requiring, as I do hereby will and require you, and all other Officers, whether in his Majesty's Ships and Yards, or any otherways relating to his Majesty's Navy, in my Absence, to yield unto him due Obedience, as they will answer the contrary. *Given under my Hand, at St. James's, the 22^d of March, 1664.*

JAMES.

*To the principal Officers
and Commissioners of
his Majesty's Navy.*

WHereas I am informed, that at your last being in *Yarmouth Roads*, the Pilot, and some others belonging to your Ship, going on shore, did enter into some Houses suspected to be infected with the Plague, and are since
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returned on board your Ship; whereby the Health of the Ship's Company, and through it the whole Fleet (if not prevented) may be much endangered: To the end therefore, that if it shall please God to suffer that Contagion to take in your Ship, the spreading thereof in the Fleet may as much as by human Care be prevented, by the removing your Ship from among the Fleet, until a convenient time of Trial shall be past; (hoping nevertheless, that it may please God to preserve your Ship's Company from that Contagion;) I think fit to direct, that with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, you forthwith sail into the Soundings; where, in case you find your Ship's Company to remain healthy, without grounds of Suspicion of that Disease, you are to continue plying until the 15th of *May*; in which time, if there appear no Symptoms of that Disease in your Ship, you shall then repair to *Plymouth* for a Supply of Victuals: But in case you find any cause to fear, that any of your Company shall be visited with that Disease, you shall then sail to *Scilly*, and carry your Ship to some of the uninhabited Islands thereof, where your Ship may remain with safety: You shall take the best care by a raising of your Men, and by all other means which you may use for the Preservation, or restoring the Health of your Ship's Company; to which end, that nothing may be wanting, Directions shall be given to the Commissioners for sick and wounded in those Parts, to give Orders for all necessary
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Supplies to be sent to you, so soon as you shall arrive there. During the time of your plying in the Soundings, or where else you shall be until the 15th of *May* shall be past, without any Symptoms of the contagious Disease in your Ship; you shall not suffer any of his Majesty's Subjects to come on board you, nor are you to suffer any of your Ship's Company to go on board any Ships belonging to any of his Majesty's Subjects. When you shall come into Harbour, and oftner, if Opportunity presents of doing it, by any Ship that you shall speak with, but without sending any Letters, for fear of Infection, you shall give notice to the Commissioners for sick and wounded at *Plymouth*, and likewise to the Duke of *Albemarle*, of the Condition of your Ship, and of all things relating thereunto; and when the time above-mentioned shall be past, without Suspicion of the Plague on board you, you shall send to the Duke of *Albemarle*, to receive his Orders, which you are from time to time to execute, until you shall receive farther Orders from me. You shall, upon the Receipt of these Orders, use some means to give notice of the State of your Victualling, that so either at *Scilly*, or by such other means as the Duke of *Albemarle* shall judge fit, a Supply may be sent to you, to enable you to continue out the time prefixed; unless by putting your Men to short Allowance, you shall judge the Victuals on board you to be sufficient for that time.

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*Given under my Hand, on board the Charles,
the 10th of April, 1665.*

JAMES.

*To Captain William Hill,
Captain of his Majesty's
Ship the Coventry.*

WHereas by my Order, dated the 13th of *January, 1662*, I directed you to cause the Captains and Lieutenants of his Majesty's Ships, from time to time, to be paid from the Date of their Commissions; which I so directed, in consideration of their Attendance upon their respective Ships, in their fitting out before their entring into Sea-Pay; hoping thereby, that the Dispatch of his Majesty's Ships would be promoted by the Commanders and Lieutenants: but finding since by Experience, that it hath rather been an Inducement to some of them, to neglect the Dispatch of the Ships committed to their Care, they receiving the same Pay with less trouble, than if they had been at Sea: For the preventing the like Abuses for the future, and yet to the end that there may not want a due Recompence to the Commanders and Lieutenants of his Majesty's Ships for their Attendance, in setting forth the said Ships; I have thought fit to direct, that all such Commanders and Lieutenants, who shall hereafter be appointed to any of his Majesty's Ships, or others in his Majesty's Service, shall receive one Month's Pay for their Attendance, in the fitting out of the respective Ships, to which they

they do belong, before the Ship's entrance into Sea-Pay; but, so as that this Month's Pay shall not be given to such who are appointed Commanders or Lieutenants, upon the Death or Removal of any other Commander or Lieutenant of any Ship which was in Sea-Pay before the Date of the Commission granted to him. *Given under my Hand, on board the Royal Charles, the 10th of May, 1665.*

JAMES.

*To the principal
Officers, &c.*

To Captain JOHN STRACHAN.

WHereas during this present War with the *Dutch*, it is very probable that his Majesty's Ships of War may often come into some of the Harbours or Roads of the northern Ports of his Majesty's Kingdom of *Scotland*, and may stand in need of divers necessary Supplies which cannot so well and speedily be supplied to them, as the good of his Majesty's Service may require, unless some fitting and able Person be authorized and appointed as Agent for his Majesty's Fleet, to provide and furnish the same. And, whereas I am fully assured of your Faithfulness, and good Affection to his Majesty's Service, and of your Care and Diligence to promote the same: I have therefore thought fit to appoint, and I do hereby constitute and appoint you to be Agent for his Majesty's Fleet in *Orkney*, or the Isles and Parts adjacent, or near thereabouts, to

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provide and supply all such things as shall be necessary to any of his Majesty's Ships, which shall from time to time arrive there. And in all things, to be aiding and assisting to the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships, according as his Majesty's Service shall require. And I do hereby will, authorize, and require the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, to make out Bills to you, or your Assigns, from time to time, for all such Sums of Money as you shall disburse for his Majesty's Service, and all reasonable Charges incident thereunto. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall, this 17th of June, 1665.*

JAMES.

WHereas I have appointed you to take care of the Seamens Shares in such Prizes, as shall be from time to time sent into the Port of *Portsmouth*. These are therefore to will and require you, to cause to be publickly sold by the Candle, according to Custom, all such Goods and Merchandizes as now are remaining in your Custody, or which shall from henceforward from time to time come into your Custody, for the Shares of the Seamens Prizes brought into the Port of *Portsmouth*, provided that the said Goods and Merchandizes shall be first condemned as Prize in the High Court of Admiralty, or that the said Court shall order the Sale of the same: And for such Goods as shall happen to be perishable, and for the Sale of which, there can be no timely Order from the Court of Admiralty;

miralty; you are to endeavour to obtain Orders for the Sale of them from the said Court, as shall be necessary. You are before you proceed to Sale of any of the Goods aforesaid, to cause the time of Sale, and the Quantity and Quality of the Goods to be sold, to be published on the Exchange of *London* ten Days at least before the Sale, that so all such as shall desire to buy, may have timely notice thereof: And you are from time to time to give notice of your proceedings therein, and to return the Product of all Sales to *Thomas Chichely*, Esq; whom I have appointed Treasurer-General for receiving and issuing out such Money as shall arise by the Shares due to Seamen out of Prizes. *Dated the 28th of July, 1665.*

JAMES,

To Sir Philip Honywood, Kt.

To THOMAS WILSON, Gent.

WHereas his Majesty's Service doth require, that in these times of extraordinary Action, a strict accompt to be taken of, and inspection had into the Victualling of his Majesty's Navy, whereby many Inconveniencies which may happen to his Majesty's Service through want thereof, may be prevented: In order whereunto it is judged necessary, that a fitting Person be appointed in each considerable Victualling Affair there. And having received very good testimony of your Fidelity and Abilities to execute the said Employment in the Port of

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London; I have therefore thought fit to appoint, and do hereby constitute and appoint you the said *Thomas Wilson* to be Surveyor of the Victualling of his Majesty's Navy in the Port of *London*: And you are hereby empowered and required from time to time to have a diligent and careful Inspection into the Victualling Business in the said Port, taking care as well that the proportion of Victuals appointed to be provided in the said Port for his Majesty's Fleet, be duly and timely provided by the Victualler, that his Majesty's Service may not suffer through want thereof; as also that the same be seasonably issued unto the respective Ships of the Fleet, which the Victualler shall have Directions for Victualling, that they may not remain in Harbour for want of their Victuals, after they are in condition to receive the same on board. And for the better enabling you to perform the Service expected from you, the Victualler of his Majesty's Navy, and his Agent and Officers in the said Port of *London*, are hereby required, not only to render unto you from time to time, an accompt of his Stores in the said Port, but likewise to permit and suffer you farther to inform yourself, either by view of the Provisions in Store, or by Inspection of his Books and Accompts of Receipts and Issues thereof, and by all other means fit and proper to give you a full light into the Victualling Stores, whereof you are to give an accompt from time to time unto *Samuel Pepys*, Esq; Surveyor-General of the Victualling Affairs: And you are to observe and follow

follow such farther Orders and Instructions for the better execution of this Service, as you shall from time to time receive from myself, the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, or the said *Samuel Pepys*, Esq; And for your care and pains in the execution of this Service, you shall receive from the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, the yearly Sallary of two hundred Pounds. And the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, are hereby required to make out Bills unto you for the same Quarterly, as it shall grow due. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Oxford, this 4th of November, 1665.*

JAMES.

To EDWARD, Earl of SANDWICH.*

IN pursuance of his Majesty's Directions unto me, bearing date the 14th of *October*, 1665. grounded upon the Consideration, that the *Dutch* not being able to carry on their Trade by the Protection of their Fleets, nor during the Winter Season to pass by the North of *Scotland*; so that despairing to avoid his Majesty's Ships, they have endeavoured to carry on their Trade under false Names, Cocquets, and Bills of Lading, hoping thereby, rather to avoid Seizure and Condemnation, than the being met and searched by his Majesty's Ships, pretending to be bound to the Ports of his Majesty's Allies, when in truth they belong to his Majesty's Enemies, and are bound to their Ports: These are to will

and require you forthwith to give it in Charge unto the respective Commanders of his Majesty's Ships and other Ships employed in his Majesty's Service, that in case they shall meet any Ships of *Dutch* or *Hamburgh* built, sailed by Foreigners (except *Swedes*) within the Channel, although they shall pretend to belong to the Subjects, and to be bound to the Ports of his Majesty's Allies, they forthwith cause them to be sent into the next convenient Port in *England*, there to be delivered into the Custody of his Majesty's Officers, for Prizes, in order to their farther Examination. But, forasmuch as it is probable, that by the Practice hereof, it may happen, that Ships of his Majesty's Allies may sometimes be sent into Port, and upon due Examination may be found clear, and therefore be restored; to the end therefore, that neither any of his Majesty's Allies may have just occasion to Complain, nor any occasion be given for troubling or molesting his Majesty's Officers for the Seizure of any such Ships; you are strictly to charge and command all Commanders, that they themselves forbear, and also that they restrain their Men from taking or pillaging any things, either between or upon the Decks, or in the Hold of any Ship, unless the said Ship have resisted and fought. And for the better encouragement of the Commanders and Seamen, strictly to observe this Order; you are to assure them, that whatsoever shall be found in any Ship seized to belong to them, by his Majesty's Declaration, shall be reserved for them,

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in case the Ship be found to be good Prize. And for the better and more speedy publishing this Order, the Commanders of any Ships who shall have notice hereof, are from time to time to communicate the same to the Commanders of such other Ships, as they shall meet with, who have not been made acquainted therewith. *Given under my Hand at Oxon, the 15th of November, 1665.*

JAMES.

WHereas there is at present a great want of able Ship-wrights in his Majesty's Yards, for the timely carrying on the Works there: These are therefore to will and require you forthwith to impress, or cause to be impressed within your Jurisdiction, ten able Ship-wrights, and send them unto * * * * * directing them a certain time to be there, and appointing them to make their Appearance unto the Clerk of the Checque of his Majesty's Yard there, who is immediately to enter them into his Majesty's Service; you are to give unto each Man impressed, one Shilling for Prest Money, and after the Rate of one Penny *per* Mile for Conduct Money, from the Place where he shall be impressed unto; you are to send unto the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, a List of the Men's Names that shall be impressed, in pursuance hereof, therein also specifying the time when each Man is to be at * * * * *. And you are likewise to send unto them an Accompt of what Moneys you shall disburse

disburse in this Service, who will take care for the reimbursing the same unto you. You are to take care, that the Men imprested, be able Shipwrights, fit for his Majesty's Service, and that they be at * * * * as soon as possible may be: You are hereby required, that neither yourself, nor any employed by you, do demand or receive any Money, Gratuity, Reward, or other Consideration, for the sparing, changing, or discharging any Person or Persons imprested, or to be imprested by virtue hereof: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at Oxford, the 6th of January, 1665.*

JAMES.

To the Mayor of Newcastle.

WHereas the War, in which his Majesty is engaged with the *Dutch*, doth require great and speedy Supplies of all sorts of Provisions, useful to his Majesty's Navy; which, when ready Money cannot be paid for them, Merchants are discouraged from furnishing the same, or, at least, will not deliver their Goods but at excessive Rates, to the King's exceeding Damage, by reason of the uncertainty of their Payments: For remedying whereof, the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy having lately propounded (and the rest of you assented to, and approved thereof,) that for the Satisfaction of the Merchants Bills, due in the said Office of his Majesty's Navy, might be paid in course

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yet for want of a due Settlement and Regulation in other Circumstances, the said Order hath not produced the Effect desired or expected, for enlarging the Credits of that Office; for the better perfecting thereof, I have thought fit hereby to order and direct you, that you cause to be exactly observed and executed, these following Rules:

I. That after any Merchant shall have delivered into any of his Majesty's Yards or Stores, such a proportion of Goods, for which, by Contract, or otherwise, he ought to have a Bill; the Clerk of the Checque and Stores, do within four days after the Delivery of the said Goods, make out to such Merchants his Bill or Bills, in case he, or any Person from him, shall be ready to adjust with them, the accompt of the Goods delivered; and that the Master Shipwright or Master Attendant, respectively certify their Opinion of the quantity of the Goods received, forthwith, upon the Tender of the Bill to them, to be ordered, as is usual in such Cases; provided, that the Clerk of the Checque do not make out, for any sort of Provision, to one Merchant, more than one Bill in a Month, except every Bill exceed twenty Pounds.

II. That the Clerks attending the Office of the Navy, do present the Bills to the Board, the first, or at the farthest, the second Signing-day, after the Bills shall be brought in to them; that so the Merchant be not abused, or his Payment * * * * by the delay; and if
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any shall offend contrary hereunto, to be turned out of the Office.

III. That the Bills signed one, be entered before those of a following day.

IV. That you consider of, and settle a fit Method for the putting in order the Bills signed each day, exceeding the Sum of twenty Pounds each Bill; and that according to that Order, they be numbred in the Margin, in Words at length, and accordingly to be entered into the Comptroller's Books; that so the preference may not be left to the Clerks, and that the Merchant may be satisfied with the Impartiality of your Proceedings: And when you shall have settled the Method above-mentioned, you are to give me an account of it.

V. Having thus provided against Partiality, in the making out and signing of Bills; in the next place, I have thought fit to direct, that in the Payment thereof, these following Rules be observed.

VI. That Bills of Exchange from foreign Parts, for Moneys furnished for the King's Service, be paid before all other Payments whatsoever.

VII. That Money for short Allowance, Wages, and Sallaries, whether in Ships, Yards, or other Offices, or Instruments belonging to the Navy, be paid according as the Office shall direct, and not to be interpreted a Breach of this Order.

VIII. That Seamen's Tickets, Bills of Pilotage, and small Bills under the Value of 20 *l.* be

be paid when tendered, without Observation of Time or Order of Payment; and such their Payments, not to be interpreted a Breach of Order.

IX. That Bills of Imprest be likewise permitted to be paid out of course, without prejudice to this Order; but that you grant them very sparingly, and only upon necessary Occasions, and not as a way to help Men to their Money out of course: And therefore you are at your next attending me, to give me the Reasons of your granting any Bills of Imprest the preceeding Week, except for travelling Charges, or to Purveyors, Prest-masters, or the like Persons employed in his Majesty's Service.

X. And for the better perfecting hereof, and that it may always appear, whether this Order be observed or not; whereby the Officers of the Navy may themselves know, and satisfy any Merchant, that he is paid in his due course, if at any time they shall suspect the contrary: The Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy is hereby required, to give to the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, at or before the first Day of *January*, a List or Schedule of all such Bills exceeding the Sum of 20 *l.* as he hath paid since his last account passed in that Office, which shall forthwith be marked paid, in the Margin of the Comptroller's Book: Which being done, the rest of the Bills exceeding 20 *l.* in the Comptroller's present, or any of his former Books, and not yet brought in as paid, in any of the
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Treasurer's Accompts passed, shall be writ out in the order in which they now stand therein; and the said List given under your Hands to the Treasurer, as a Rule to him in the Payment thereof, which he is to pay, before any other Bills exceeding the Sum of 20*l.* which shall be signed after the Date of the said List.

XI. That for the future, the Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy cause every *Saturday* a Breviate to be sent to the Treasurer, of all the Bills signed the Week preceeding, placing them in their Order, according to their Number and Natures, according to the said Rules; the Breviate to contain the Name of the Person to whom the Bill is payable, the Sum and the Date, with the Number in the Margin, according to which Order the Treasurer is to pay the same; but so as that, if any of the said Persons shall neglect to tender his Bill for payment, it shall not hinder the next to be paid before he come, or make his Bill to be postponed, and Course lost by such Absence, but his Money shall be reserved for him in the Treasury, until demanded, and then paid; and, in the mean time, the subsequent Bills to be paid in their course, as fast as the State of his Majesty's Treasure will permit.

XII. That the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, do every *Saturday* send to the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, a Breviate of the Bills by him paid the Week preceeding; and that a Copy, both of that, and the Breviate, sent to the Treasurer,

be the beginning of next Week presented unto me.

XIII. That the Comptroller receive, from time to time, an accompt from the Auditor of the Exchequer, (being ordered by the Lord Treasurer to send the same) what Moneys, Assignments, Tallies, have been given to the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, who is to give notice every Week to the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, what Money he hath received or borrowed upon any Assignment or Tallies that Week; which they are to certify to the Lord Treasurer, that so from thence the Interest may be computed: and that you cause to be delivered unto me, Copies of the Certificates aforesaid, the beginning of the Week following.

XIV. That all his Majesty's Treasure, (except the paying of the Ships or Yards) be paid in the Treasury Office, that so in case of Abuse, his Majesty's Officers may be without excuse. *Given under my Hand and Seal at Oxon, this 8th of October, 1655.*

JAMES.

Instructions for THOMAS WOODGATE Muster-Master of the Division of the Rear-Admiral of the White, in his Majesty's Fleet.

THE Intent of the Place of Muster-Master being to give the Admirals, from time to time, a true account of the Condition of the Fleet,

Fleet, as to their Number and Ability of Men; and likewise to prevent the wasting of his Majesty's Treasure, by the Abuse of Purfers, or any others complying with them, or neglecting to keep the due Checque upon their Books and Accompts; whereby many times the King allows Victuals and Wages to Men who serve not on the Ships, or for longer time than they have served: you are by all fitting ways and means to apply yourself to the Performance of your Duty therein, and to accomplish the Ends aforesaid. In pursuance whereof, you are to observe these following Instructions:

I. In the first place, you are to take notice, that it is intended, that hereafter the Purfers Books shall be given them from the Navy-Office, and that they shall not deliver in their Sea-Books, but in the said Books delivered from the Navy-Office, that so you may be able to supply the want, which may at any time be of them in the Fleet; of which you are to give an accompt to the Clerk of the Acts of his Majesty's Navy, at the end of the Voyage, and therefore to take Receipts for them, from such to whom you deliver them.

II. You are to demand from the Commander and Purser of each Ship of the said Division, a Copy (attested by them) of the last Muster of the Ship's Company, at their Departure out of the *Hope*, or from any other Place, where they were last Muster-day, by the Muster-master at *Gravesend*, or any of the Clerks of the Checque of the King's Yards,

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for your better light in making your next Musters.

III. You shall require of the Captains of each Ship of the Division aforesaid, that they once, every Month at least, deliver you a Muster-Book of their Ship's Company, from the time of the last Muster, signed by the Commander and Purser of the Ship, or (in case of the Absence or Disability of the Purser) by the Steward; in which Book, the Purser shall set upon each Man's Head, the Value of the Cloaths delivered in that time, that so the Abuses usually practised thereon, in case of Runaways, or Death, may be prevented.

IV. Having received such Books, you shall forthwith apply yourself, by the first Opportunity, to muster the Ships Company, thereby correcting Errors of the Book delivered you; and when it shall be found true and just, you are yourself to sign the Muster-Book, and within three Days after, or sooner, if Weather permit, you are to deliver the said Muster-Book to the Admiral of the Fleet, and keep a Duplicate thereof by you.

V. You are to take particular notice what Sick Men have been ashore since the former Muster, and at what Place; causing the Chirurgion, as well as the Commander and Purser, to sign a List of their Names, that so a Checque may be thereby kept, between the Officers of sick and wounded, and the Purser.

VI. When you muster, you shall not suffer any Boats belonging to other Ships, to come on board,

board, and to bring Men with them, during the Muster; neither shall you admit, (but upon very good reason shewed) the pretence of absent Men, which when pretended, you shall well examine the occasion upon which they are absent, or otherwise you shall make them Runaways upon the Book; especially when the Fleet is at Sea, when only such as are left sick on shore, or serving upon Prizes or Ketches, shall be borne on the Book, if not found on the Ship.

VII. You are to demand and receive from the Navy-Office, an account of the Complements of Men allowed to the respective Ships of the Division aforesaid; and upon every Muster by you taken, you are to set down at the end of the Muster-Book, the number of Men mustered, and the number of Supernumeraries (if any) borne on the Ship, with the reason that the Commander shall give for the bearing of them; and if the whole Number allowed be not borne, then to express the Number wanting to complete them, and also what Men are absent or sick, on board or on shore, that thereby the Admirals may at all times have a perfect account of the manning of the Fleet.

VIII. You are to muster every Ship of the aforesaid Division, while at Sea, once every Month at least; and when in any Port or Road, once every fourteen Days.

IX. You are to send up unto the Treasurer, and the principal Officers and Commissioners of
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his Majesty's Navy, two Muster-Books of each Ship you muster, by the first Opportunity after your mustering them, to be signed by yourself, for their better Guidance in signing and paying of Tickets.

X. If you shall find that the Execution of these Instructions will not sufficiently attain the End designed, and that by your Experience, you shall find out any new and better Method, you are to propose the same to the Admirals of the Fleet, that so, if they shall approve of the same, it may be put in execution. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, the 19th of March, 1665.*

JAMES.

[N.B. On the 29th of June, 1667, Peace was a second time concluded (with the *Dutch*) and signed at *Breda*. Peace being restored to *Europe*, the NAVAL WAR soon transferred itself into *Africa*, against the *Algerines*, to which the following Papers relate. *Colliber. p. 203.*]

W Hereas there is at present a great occasion of Men for the Supply of his Majesty's Fleet now going to Sea: These are therefore to will and require you forthwith to impress, or cause to be impressed, six Hundred and sixty three Watermen, able Seamen, and send them down on board his Majesty's Ships, to the several places according to the List undermentioned, taking care that they be all sent away by Monday Night at the farthest, and that they be on board their several Ships with all possible speed; you are to give a Ticket for each Number of Men impressed for each Ship, to the end the Clerk of the Checque of the respective Yards may cause them to be entred on those Ships,

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and no others; you are to give unto each Man so impreſted, one Shilling for Preſt-Money; which, together with ſuch other Charges, as you ſhall lay out upon this Service, ſhall be repaid you by the principal Officers and Commiſſioners of his Maſteſty's Navy; you are alſo to take care at your Perils, that they be on board the ſaid Ships with all poſſible ſpeed, with their Cloaths, and all other Neceſſaries, that ſo they may have no pretence of coming up again, whereby they may have opportunity of leaving the King's Service: And all Mayors, &c. For which this ſhall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall, this 4th of April, 1668.*

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*To the Maſters and Rulers of
the Company of Watermen.*

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<i>Fountain</i>	— 12	<i>St. David</i>	— 17
<i>French Victory</i>	12	<i>Faulcon</i>	— 12
<i>Speedwell</i>	— 12	<i>French Ruby</i>	26
<i>Garland</i>	— 12	<i>Success</i>	— 11
<i>Drake</i>	— 8		—
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HIS Majesty being informed that the *French* Fleet, under the Command of the Duke *de Beaufort*, is come out to Sea, and intends to cruize in the Chaps of the Channel; has thought fit to signify his Pleasure unto me, that I forthwith give you these following Instructions:

That if you find it shall be true that the *French* Fleet is indeed at Sea, and that they do much exceed you in Strength, that then with the Ships of your own, and Sir *Edward Spragge's* Squadron, you immediately repair to the *Downs*, and only to leave behind you two fifth Rates, (if you have so many with you) or one fifth Rate and a Ketch, with order to keep together, and ply in the same Station to which you were ordered, and from time to time to send Advice to my Secretary of what Discovery they make.

In case the *French* Fleet stands up the Channel, that then they make what haste they can into the *Downs*; and give you notice of it.

Though the *French* Fleet be out at Sea, if you find they are not so strong, but that you

think you can well enough deal with them, you are then to continue in the same Station wherein you are, and pursue such Instructions as you have formerly given you. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 30th of March, 1668.*

JAMES.

To Sir Thomas Allen.

WHEREAS I have judged fitting, that his Majesty's Fleet, now going forth to Sea, be furnished with Ordnance, as in time of War, and that each Ship be allowed so many Guns as she usually bore in the late War against the *Dutch*; as also, that the said Ships be supplied with Gunners-Stores for forty five Rounds of Powder, and fifty Rounds of Shot: These are therefore to will and require you to take care that all his Majesty's Ships designed for the Summer's Expedition, be furnished with Guns, as in time of War, and with Gunners-Stores for forty five Rounds of Powder, and fifty Rounds of Shot accordingly: For which, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 7th of April, 1668.*

JAMES.

To the Commissioners of his Majesty's Ordnance.

WHEREAS his Majesty's Vessel under your Command is lent unto several Persons to be employed upon a Discovery in *America*: I do hereby authorize and empower you, during

ring the said Voyage, to wear his Majesty's Jack in the said Vessel; whereof all Persons whatsoever, whom it may concern, are to take notice, and to permit you to wear the same, without any hindrance or molestation: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at Whitehall, this 6th of March, 1668.*

JAMES.

*To Captain Stanard, Commander
of the Eaglet-Ketch.*

WHereas the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships do usually give Tickets unto such Watermen as are prest, and sent down unto their respective Ships, thereby to protect them from being sent to serve on board other Ships; under pretence of which said Tickets, the Watermen take occasion to avoid the King's Service, and neglect the going on board the Ships unto which they are directed: for remedying the said Inconveniencies, I think fit hereby to will and require you, that you forthwith publish and make known among the Watermen, that no Tickets given by any Commander of the King's Ships, unto any Waterman, for securing him from the Press, shall be effectual for securing him from being sent on board such other of the King's Ships as you shall think fitting, unless such Tickets as have been granted before the Date hereof, shall be sentred in *Waterman's-Hall*, before you, on or before Monday next: And that all such Tickets as shall be granted as aforesaid, after this time,

be entred with you within three Days after such granting of them: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 16th of April, 1668.*

*To the Masters and Rulers
of the Company of Wa-
termen.*

JAMES.

WHereas *Phineas Pett*, Master Ship-wright of his Majesty's Yard at *Chatham*, hath unbehaved himself in the execution of that Employment; His Majesty's Will and Pleasure is, that you forthwith prepare a Bill fit for his Majesty's Signature, for the revoking of his Majesty's Letters Patents formerly granted unto the said *Phineas Pett*, to be Master Ship-wright of his Majesty's said Yard at *Chatham*: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 27th of August, 1668.*

JAMES.

To Sir Geoffry Palmer, Kt. &c.

Warrant to *Jervas Price*, Esq; his Majesty's Serjeant-Trumpeter, to imprest such and so many able Trumpeters as shall be necessary to be employed in his Majesty's Fleet, now going forth to Sea, to be entred on board such of his Majesty's Ships as his Majesty's Service shall require; giving unto such Man so imprested, one Shilling for Prest Money, to be repaid by the principal Officers, &c. And all Mayors, &c.
Dated 27th April, 1668.

JAMES.

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YOU are to receive on board his Majesty's Ship under your Command, Sir *Daniel Harvey*, his Majesty's Ambassador appointed for *Constantinople*, with his Retinue, Goods, and Servants; and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, you are to transport him to *Smyrna*: and in your way thither, you may touch at *Cadiz*, *Genoua*, *Leghorn*, or any other Port, which the said Ambassador shall desire, staying at each Place such time as he shall direct.

You are to take care, that you do not carry his Majesty's Ship under your Command, within the Command of any of the Forts or Castles at *Smyrna*: And you are, during your Continuance there, to keep your Men on board, in good order, and to be careful to keep strict Watches to prevent any Surprizal that may be attempted on you.

When you have landed the Ambassador, and his People at *Smyrna*, you are to take the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to return from *Leghorn*, (touching at any Port in your way thither, as you shall think fitting;) and if there shall be any occasion for sending any new Orders to you, you shall find them there: But in case you meet with no Orders there, you are then to return back for *England*; and in your way you may touch at *Tangier* and *Cadiz*, or any other Port you shall see convenient, and then hasten to the *Downs*, and send me notice of your Arrival there.

While his Majesty's Ambaffador fhall be on board you, you are to wear the Union-Flag on the Main Top, in his Majesty's Ship under your Command; unlefs you fhall happen to come where Sir *Thomas Allen*, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships intended for the *Streights* fhall be; in which cafe you are to take in your Flag, while you are in Company with him.

You are, during this Voyage, to take care to maintain his Majesty's Honour abroad, giving all Countenance and Protection to his Majesty's Subjects in their Trade, and not injuring any of the Subjects of his Majesty's Friends and Allies; and if any Merchants Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, fhall at any time defire Convoy of you, you are to give it them, as far as your way fhall lie together.

You are to keep a true and exact Journal of your Proceedings during your Voyage, of which you are to give a Copy to my Secretary at your Return; and in the time of your Voyage, you are to keep Correspondence with him by Letters, as often as you have Opportunity. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 19th of July, 1668.*

JAMES.

To Captain Obryan, Captain of his Majesty's Ship the Leopard.

Whereas

WHereas the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, by his Majesty's Order sitting in Council, dated the 23^d of *October*, 1667, upon the humble Petition of *Peter Stuyvesant*, on behalf of himself, and the *Dutch* Nation, now his Majesty's Subjects in *New York*, hath been pleased to grant a temporary Permission for seven Years (with three Ships only) unto the *Dutch*, freely to trade with the Inhabitants of the Lands lately reduced from the *Dutch*, unto the Obedience of his Majesty: These are therefore to will and require you, to permit and suffer the Ship called the *King Charles*, whereof *Peter Reyerts* is Master, belonging to *Cornelius Steenwick*, Mayor of *New York*, *Jeremias Renzlaer*, *Johannes Brugge*, and *Francis Boone*, with ther Participants (being the first of the three Ships allowed for this Year) to pass and repass, for the Space of one whole Year, to commence from the 23^d of *October* instant, with her Company, Passengers, Goods, and Merchandizes, unto any of the Ports of the Lands lately reduced from the *Dutch*, unto his Majesty's Obedience, without any Lett, Hindrance, or Molestation, according to the aforesaid Grant. And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at St. James's, this 24th of October, 1668.*

JAMES.

*To all Persons whom
this may concern.*

His

HIS Majesty having thought fit to suspend the Earl of *Anglesey* from the execution of the Charge and Place of Treasurer of the Navy, and of Receiver of all such Moneys as are issued for that Service, and from the execution of any thing belonging thereunto, until his further Pleasure shall be signified: It is his Majesty's Pleasure, that you forthwith prepare for his Royal Signature, such an Instrument for his Suspension, as is usual in like Cases, during his Majesty's Pleasure: for which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 18th of October, 1668.*

JAMES.

*To Sir Henry Finch, Knight
and Baronet, his Majesty's
Solicitor-General.*

WHereas his Majesty hath been pleased to suspend the Earl of *Anglesey* from the execution of the Charge and Place of Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, and of Receiver of all such Moneys as are issued for that Service, and from the execution of any thing belonging thereunto, during his Majesty's Pleasure: His Majesty's Will and Pleasure is, that you prepare a Bill fit for his Royal Signature, constituting and appointing Sir *Thomas Osborne*, and Sir *Thomas Littleton*, Knights, to officiate and execute the said Place of Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, and Receiver of all such Moneys as

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are issued for that Service, during the Suspension of the said Earl of *Anglesey*, and during his Majesty's Pleasure. For which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 20th of October, 1668.*

JAMES.

To Sir Henry Finch, &c.

THese are to will and require you, with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to put to Sea with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, (in Company of his Majesty's Vessel the *Roe Ketch*, the Commander whereof is hereby required to follow your Orders,) and make the best of your way unto the *Groyne* in *Galicia*; where being arrived, you are to send on shore to enquire, if the Prince of *Tuscany* be there, and if he be not, you are to stay till he shall arrive: And you are to give him notice, that the Ship under your Command, and the *Roe Ketch*, are sent to wait on him, to transport him and his Retinue for *England*; and that in doing thereof, you are to obey his Orders: And you are, accordingly, carefully to obey such Commands as the Prince of *Tuscany* shall give you, giving him such Respect and Observance, as is befitting a Person of his Rank and Quality. You are to acquaint the Prince of *Tuscany*, that you are commanded to know of him, whether he will have the Flag worn on the Ship in his Passage; and if he shall desire it, you are here-

hereby empowered and required to wear the Union-Flag at the Main Top-mast-head, while the Prince of *Tuscany* shall be on board you.

When you have landed the Prince of *Tuscany* at such Port as he shall direct, you are to send up notice thereof to my Secretary, and to continue there till you receive farther Orders, *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 2^d of January, 1668.*

JAMES.

*To Captain Hart, Captain
of his Majesty's Ship
Portland.*

WHereas I am informed, that there are several Sums of Money arising out of the Goods taken between the Decks of Prize-Ships, (which his Majesty was pleased, by his Declaration of the 28th of *October*, 1664, to give unto the Seamen employed in his Majesty's Service, for their better Encouragement,) which have by my Order been collected in the several Ports of this Kingdom, by those deputed by me for that purpose; which said Sums of Money are still remaining in the hands of the Receivers and Collectors in the several Ports: I have therefore thought fit to authorize and appoint you, *Sir Jeremy Smith, Sir Edward Spragge, Sir John Harman*, Knight, Rear-Admiral *Utber*, Rear-Admiral *Kempton*, Captain *John Cox*, and Captain *John Hubbard*, or any three of you, to receive and take an account of all such Moneys arising from the
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Rights and Shares of Prizes, and Prize-Goods granted by his Majesty to the Seamen serving in his Majesty's Fleet, which are in the hands of the several Receivers and Collectors, in the several Ports of this Kingdom, and impaid in or unaccompted for; who are hereby required to pay in the same unto you accordingly. For which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 6th of March, 1668.*

JAMES.

WHereas I am informed, that there are several Sums of Money remaining in your hands, which you have received by virtue of my Order, out of the Goods granted by his Majesty, between the Decks of Ships taken as Prize, and which are yet unpaid in; I have thought fit to authorize and appoint Sir *Jeremy Smith*, Knight, &c. or any three of them, to receive, audit, and allow the Accompt of you Sir *Philip Honywood*, Knight, of all such Moneys as you have received for the said Prize-Goods; to whom you are hereby required forthwith to give in your Accompt, and to pay in unto them, all such Moneys as you have received, and are remaining in your hands. For which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 6th of March, 1668.*

JAMES.

*To Sir Philip Honywood,
at Portsmouth.*

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The like to Sir *John Shelton* at *Plymouth*, Mr. *Robert Stockdale* of *London*, Mr. *Wivell* and Mr. *Devink* at *Dover*, Mr. *Samuel Lawson* at *Harwich*, and Mr. *Field* at *Hull*.

Instructions for Sir THOMAS ALLEN.

WITH this you will receive a Copy of a Narrative sent from *Lisbon*, by Sir *Robert Southwell*; by which you will perceive, how the Peace you had so lately renewed with the People of *Algiers*, hath been violated by two Men of War belonging to that Port.

His Majesty's Honour, and the Security of the Traffick of his Subjects requiring, that Satisfaction be demanded for this Injury, you are, with all possible speed, to get the Ships under your Command into the best Condition you can for Service.

You are to keep secret your Instructions, that if you can meet with any Ships belonging to *Algiers*, they may have no Suspicion of your Intentions, and so not avoiding you, you may the more easily make yourself Master of them; which you are hereby required to do, even to the using Force, in case they shall resist you; but if they yield quietly, or after you have them in your possession, you are not to use any farther Violence to them, but only carry them with you to *Algiers*, when you go to demand Reparation.

You are to make all the haste you can into *Algiers*; and although in your way thither you shall

shall not happen to surprize any of their Ships, you are notwithstanding to make Complaint, according to the Narrative from Sir *Robert Southwell*, of the breach of the Peace, made by two of their Ships of War, and require speedy Satisfaction.

If the People of *Algiers* shall pretend, that what these two Ships have done, is allowed by the Treaty of Peace made with them, in regard the number of *Spanish* Passengers was greater than that of the *English* Mariners, you are to shew them, that it is a meer Cavil; the plain Intention of the Article being to be understood in this point concerning the Ship's Company, and not concerning the Passengers: And besides, you are to demonstrate to them, that the *English* Ship having a Pass from me, they were not to meddle any farther, or with what she had on board her, but immediately to dismiss her. And in this Particular, if they should endeavour to draw any Advantage from any Interpretations they may put on the Words of the last Treaty you made with them in *French*, you are to insist upon the Article in the former Treaty, in which this is so clearly expressed, that it cannot admit of any manner of Dispute; and to let them know, that the last Treaty calling it self a *Confirmation*, and Renewing of the former Treaty, though it may add something to it, it cannot take away any thing from it, or abrogate any Particular of it.

If they shall acknowledge that the Peace hath been broken by them, and shall not own or support

port this Fact of their Commanders, then you are to insist upon having full Reparation for it; which cannot consist in less than some Punishment to be inflicted upon the Commanders of the two Ships, and the Restitution of the Persons and all the Goods (or the entire Value of them) belonging to them taken of the *English* Ship: And in case they shall consent to this, then you are to restore to them the Ships, People, and Goods, and whatsoever else you have of theirs (if it have so happened that you have taken any thing from them) and make a fresh Confirmation and Renovation of the Peace with them.

But in case they shall refuse to give you Satisfaction, or shall support this Fact of the Commanders of the two Ships, you are then to proceed to any open Hostility with them, and either by burning their Ships in the Harbour, or by taking of them at Sea, or by any other the best Means your own Prudence and the Opportunities happening, shall suggest to you, to endeavour to bring them to Reason.

If you shall be necessitated to come to a Rupture, you are to take the best care you can for Security of his Majesty's Subjects trading in those Parts, and to observe your former Orders for that purpose.

You are also, in case of a Rupture, to use the best Means you can for the making up the Numbers of Men now in the Ships under your Command, and such others as shall join with you, unto the Complements appointed for them, in

in time of War, the four Months Victuals that are shortly to be sent to you, being for the highest number of Men.

If you think you shall stand in need of them, and that you find the Ships in such a condition as to be fit for the Service, you are to keep the *Leopard* and *Ruby* with you, the Commanders whereof are hereby required to follow your Orders, notwithstanding any former Orders they have received.

There being an Intention of sending to you, as soon as they can be got ready, the *Pearl*, *Success*, *Garland*, *Dartmouth*, and a Fireship, who will all have Orders to call at *Tangier*; you shall do well to leave Orders there ready for them, what they are to do.

In case of a Rupture, you are, as soon as possible you can, to send notice thereof unto Sir *Daniel Harvey*, his Majesty's Ambassador at *Constantinople*; and if no other Opportunity present for doing it, you are to send a Vessel on purpose, and you are to send unto him Copies of such Papers as shall be fitting for informing him of the occasion of the Rupture, to the end he may complain unto the *Grand Seignior* (by whom the former Treaties with *Algiers* were ratified) of the Injury those of *Algiers* have done us.

If you shall, before these Instructions come to you, have received an Account from Sir *Robert Southwell* of the Violation of the Peace by the two *Algiers* Men of War, and have thereupon proceeded to demand Satisfaction, and

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have received in a degree answerable to the foregoing Instructions ; you are not then to think your self obliged to put any of these Instructions in execution, but to follow such as you have formerly received, for your return to *England*. Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 28th Day of January, 166^s.

JAMES.

Instructions for Sir THOMAS ALLEN.

Resolution.
Revenge.
Mary.
Bristol.
Forefight.
Hampshire.
St. David.
Centurion.
Dragon.
Portland.
Jersey.
Nonfuch.
Portsmouth.
Constant-
Warwick.
Garland.
Dartmouth.
Milford.
Pearl.
Fireships.
Orange.
Welcome.
Little Victo-
ry.
Storeship.
Golden Hand.
Ketches.
Deptford.
Portsmouth.

YOU are, as soon as the Ships named in the Margin are all ready (the Commanders of which are hereby required to obey your Orders) with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to sail to *Algiers* ; and in your sailing thither, you are to steer such Course as you in your Prudence shall think most probable for the meeting with any of the Ships belonging to that Place, or as you shall be induced by any Intelligence you shall receive concerning them.

You are to keep secret these your Instructions, That if you can meet with any Ships belonging to *Algiers*, they may have no Suspicion of your Intentions, and so not avoiding you, you may the more easily make your self Master of them, which you are hereby required to do, even to your using force, in case they shall resist you ; but

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if they will yield quietly, or though they do resist, after you have them in your possession, you are not to use any farther Violence to them, but only carry them with you to *Algiers*.

When you come to *Algiers*, you are to signify to the Government there, That the King of *Great Britain*, your Master, has sent you to demand Reparation for the Injuries that, contrary to the Articles of Peace concluded with them, have been done to several of his Subjects by some of their Men of War.

In your demanding Reparation, you are absolutely to insist upon the Release of such of the *Spaniards* as were taken out of the Ship, *John of London*, *William Browne* Commander, and still remain Captives at *Algiers*, and to break with them of *Algiers* in case they shall not consent to deliver them to you: But as for the Goods belonging to those *Spaniards*, though you are to demand the Restitution of them, or the Value of them, yet in case their Persons are delivered to you, you are not upon this to break with those of *Algiers*, but to make as good Terms for them as you can.

You are also to demand the Restitution of the Goods, or Satisfaction to the Value of them, taken out of any other *English* Ship, and particularly for the Goods taken out of the *Phœnix*, * * * * *Pevins* Commander, and out of the *William and Benjamin*, * * * * *Taylor* Commander, and out of the *Morning-Star*, belonging to the *East-India* Company, *John Godolphin* Commander, or out of any other *English* Ships,

Ships, concerning which you shall have received any certain and authentick Information.

And you are to inform your self, as well as you can, from all the Parties interested, of the Value of the Goods taken from them, that you may the better know what to insist upon; in which it is referred to your Discretion to moderate such Demands as you shall find unreasonable; and in case those of *Algiers* shall refuse this, then you are to break with them.

You are also to demand of them, that the Commanders of the Men of War, and any other Persons, who have been Infringers of the Peace, in any of the foregoing Particulars, may be brought to due Punishment; but you are not to insist positively upon this Demand, if they give you Satisfaction in the former Particulars.

In case the Government of *Algiers* shall give you such Satisfaction, according to your preceeding Instructions, that you proceed to a farther Treaty with them, you are to take care that all the Articles contained in any of the former Treaties, be confirmed and renewed, especially that which prohibits their Searching, or giving any Molestation to any Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects, which shall produce a Pass from the Lord High-Admiral of *England*. But in regard, that when you were last at *Algiers*, that People did insist upon an Explanation of that Article, and desired that it might, for the future to come, be declared and understood, That no *English* Ship could carry a greater number of Foreigners, whether Passengers,

sengers, or of the Ship's Company, than the *English* on board the said Ship do amount to, you may (if you find them still insisting upon it) consent to frame an Article to that purpose; and then you shall assure them, in the Name of his Majesty, That no Master of any Ship that have Passes from the Lord High-Admiral, shall infringe this Article, by carrying a greater number of Foreigners than *English*.

You may also (in case they shall insist upon it, as they did at your last being there) consent to insert an Article in the Treaty, That it shall not be lawful for any *English* Ships to carry any *Turks* or *Mussulmans* that are Slaves, or that are sent to be sold in any other Country.

You shall endeavour, that an Article shall be inserted in this present Treaty, prohibiting those of *Algiers* from taking out of any *English* Ship, to carry aboard any Ship of *Algiers*, any Person or Persons, upon Pretence of examining them, or upon any other Pretence whatsoever; as also from using any Torture or Violence to any Person belonging to any *English* Ship, whereby to extort a Confession from them.

In case you come to agree upon a new Peace with them, then you are to restore all such Ships, Goods, or Persons as you shall happen to have taken from them, without any embezzlement, and with all possible Truth and Fidelity: And you are also to make them such Presents as you shall in your Discretion think fit and reasonable, either out of the Satisfaction you shall receive for Merchant's Goods, or else with Powder.

But in case they shall not give you Satisfaction according to these foregoing Instructions, for the injuries they have done, so that you do not agree upon the Terms of new Peace with them; you are to proceed to open Hostility with them, by taking, sinking and destroying whatsoever Ships of theirs you meet at Sea; and more particularly by firing their Ships, lying without and within the Mole, if you meet with any probable Opportunity of attempting it; and then you shall dispose of his Majesty's Ships under your Command, according to such Instructions as you shall receive from me.

What Prisoners you shall happen to take of *Turks* or *Moors*, you shall endeavour to get as many of his Majesty's Subjects as are Slaves at *Algiers*, exchanged for them; and for the rest, you are to sell them to the best Advantage you can for his Majesty's use.

If you take any Men of War, or Merchant-Ships belonging to *Algiers*, or which have by them been taken from any other Nation; you are to sell them, as also the Goods you take upon them, at the best Prices you can for the King's use, unless you judge that any of them may be useful to be fitted up for Men of War or Fire-ships, during this War, or that they are such Ships that you think fit they should be sent home, to be put into his Majesty's Navy.

In case of a Rupture, you are as soon as possibly you can to send notice thereof unto Sir *Daniel Harvey*, his Majesty's Ambassador at *Constantinople*, and if no other Opportunity
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presents for doing it, you are to send a Vessel on purpose to *Smyrna*, and you are to send unto him Copies of such Papers as shall be fitting for informing him of the Occasion of the Rupture, to the end he may complain to the Grand Seignior, (by whom the former Treaties with *Algiers* were ratified) of the injuries those of *Algiers* have done us.

You shall take care to preserve the King's Honour, Jurisdiction, Territories and People, within the Extent of your Employment, as much as in you lies, that no Nation or People intrude thereupon, or injure any of them; and if you meet with any Ships or Fleet belonging to any Foreign Prince, State, or People, in any of the Seas belonging unto his Majesty, you are to expect that they in acknowledgment of his Majesty's Sovereignty there, do perform their Duty and Homage, by striking their Top-Sails or taking in their Flag; and if they refuse to do it, and offer to resist, you shall endeavour to compel them thereunto by force, accounting his Majesty's Seas to extend unto Cape *Finister*.

You are to take care that none of his Majesty's Ships under your Command do give any offence, or offer any wrong or injuries to the Ships or Subjects of any Prince, State, or People in Amity with his Majesty, but that they treat them with all Civility and Friendship.

Upon your meeting with any Foreign Ships or Vessels, you are to send on board them, if any of the Subjects are on board them, and such as you shall find, you are to take out and distri-

bute them on board the Ships under your Command, until an Opportunity present, for sending them for *England*; and you are to compel the Master and Commander of the Vessel from whence you take them, to pay them their Wages for the time they have served.

In case any Ship shall be taken as Prize from those of *Algiers*, you are to cause ten Shillings *per* Tun, for every Tun the said Ship shall measure, according to the ordinary Rule of *Shipwright's-Hall*; and six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence for every Piece of Ordnance, whether Iron, or Brass, to be paid proportionably to the Officers and Seamen, for every such Ship or Ships, and Guns, as they shall take out of the Money allowed you for this Expedition, for the Contingences of the Fleet.

There being several of the Ships under your Command, which being unsheathed, will be in danger of being eaten by the Worms, unless great care be taken in keeping them clean, you are therefore to be very careful in making use of all Opportunities for the frequent careening and cleaning the said Ships, to prevent any prejudice that may come to them by the Worm.

Whereas his Majesty, by his Order in Council, dated 23^d of *April*, 1669, hath been pleased to order and declare, that thenceforward no Captain or Officers of any of his Majesty's Ships, shall upon any pretence whatsoever take in, or carry on board any of his Majesty's Ships, any sort or kind of Goods or Merchandize, (Gold and Silver excepted) you are to take care that

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his Majesty's said Order be strictly and punctually observed, not only in your own Ship, but also in all the rest of his Majesty's Ships under your Command, upon pain that such Persons as shall offend contrary hereunto, shall be dismiss from their Command or Employment in his Majesty's Service.

You are to put the several Ships Companies under your Command, unto short Allowance of Victuals, according as you shall think fitting, for lengthening out your Victuals, and you are to pay the Men their short Allowance Money, out of the Monies appointed for Contingences of the Squadron.

You are to be careful to keep good Order and Discipline in the Squadron under your Command, and to assemble Courts-Martial for the punishing Offenders according to the Commission you will receive to that purpose.

There being an Article, that none of his Majesty's Subjects in matters of Difference amongst themselves, shall be subject to any determination, but that of the Council; His Majesty is informed, that one *Cole*, * an *English* Merchant, residing at *Algiers*, hath formerly in the time of Consul *Browne*, and lately in the time of the present Consul, in matters of difference that have arose between him and other *English*-men, and between the Consul and him, and hath by Complaint to the *Divan*, brought the Consul to be subject to their Decisions, by which the said Article is enervated, the Consul lessened in

* This Gentleman has since, succeeded to the Consulship of *Algiers*.

his Reputation and Dignity, an Occasion given of an ill understanding between him and the Government, the which tends very much to the weakening and endangering of the Peace: you are therefore hereby authorized and required, if you see just cause for it, to bring away for *England*, the said *Cole*, or any other his Majesty's Subjects, who are, or shall be guilty of the like Offence, to answer the contrary to his Majesty.

His Majesty having been pleased to give Directions concerning his Majesty's Ships, relating to Foreign Ports, for preventing any Disputes which may arise in that Matter: These are in pursuance thereof, to will and require you, that upon the arrival of any of his Majesty's Ships under your Command at any Foreign Port, before they salute the place, they send on shore to inform themselves what return they will make to their Salutes; and in case they can have good assurance that they shall be answered, Gun for Gun, they are then to salute the Port as is usual; but if they shall not be well assured that they shall have an equal number of Guns returned them, they are in no wise to salute that Place. And upon your arrival at any Foreign Port with the Ship, on board which yourself shall be, you are before you salute the Place, carefully to inform yourself, how Flags (of the same Quality with that you carry) of other Princes have been saluted there, and you are to insist on it, to be saluted with as great Respect and Advantage as any Flag (of the

the same Quality with yours) of any other Prince hath been saluted in that Place, from which you are in no wise to depart.

You are to keep a true and exact Journal of your Proceedings during your Voyage, of which you are to give a Copy to my Secretary at your Return; and in the time of your Voyage, you are to keep Correspondence with him by Letters as often as you have Opportunity, either by Sea or over land.

You are hereby authorized and empowered to wear the Union-Flag on the Main-Top of his Majesty's Ship in which you shall be. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 29th of June, 1669.*

JAMES.

Additional Instructions for Sir THOMAS ALLEN,

IN case when you shall come to *Algiers*, you find the Opportunity of a favourable Wind to do execution upon the *Algiers* Ship in the Port, you are to endeavour to perform the same effectually, immediately upon your very first arrival, before the Delivery of his Majesty's Letter.

If you shall happen to take any Renegadoes from the *Turks*, you are to reserve those that are *English* undisposed of, until farther Direction shall be given concerning them, and you are to dispose of those of other Nations into the hands of the Princes or Potentates, whose born Subjects they are; and you are to endeavour
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to procure from the said Princes or Potentates, all such *English* Renegadoes as shall fall into their hands.

If you shall proceed to a Rupture with those of *Algiers*, you are forthwith to send away
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 Portsmouth- Ketch, a Fireship, unto the Coasts of *Spain*
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 Fireship. ly to follow such Instructions as they shall have received from myself; but in case you shall at any time judge it needful, in order to the better carrying on his Majesty's Service under your Care, to increase the Number of Ships with yourself; you may then recall either, or both, or any part of those two Squadrons to join with you, for such time as you shall judge his Majesty's Service shall require your keeping such a Strength together.

When you have sent away Sir *Edward Spragge*, and Sir *John Harman*, as aforesaid, you are to dispose of the other Ships that shall be remaining with you, in such Stations from time to time, as shall be most convenient for doing Service on the Enemy, and securing the Trade of his Majesty's Subjects.

You are to send the Ship *Golden-Hand*, to lie at *Port-Mahon*, in the Island of *Minorca*, which is judged the most convenient Port for his Majesty's Ships to careen in (in case of a War with

with *Algiers*) in which she is to be assisting to them ; and as any of the Ships with you shall be wanting of cleaning, or Stores, you are to send them to *Port-Mahon*, to be supplied by the *Golden-Hand*.

If you shall conclude a Peace with those of *Algiers*, you are at your return for *England*, to leave six of his Majesty's Ships (that are in best condition for it) in the *Mediterranean* Sea, to secure his Majesty's Subjects trading in those Parts, from any Injury that may be offered them. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, the 29th of June, 1669.*

JAMES.

WHereas it hath been agreed between his Majesty my Sovereign Lord and Brother, and the most Christian King, for the preventing of any Disputes which may arise concerning Salutes, That whensoever his Majesty's Ships of War shall meet any *French* Men of War in the *Mediterranean*, there shall no Salutes at all pass on either side ; and that no Disputes shall be for the Wind, but that the Ships of War of either side, which shall happen to have the Wind, may keep it if they please, without being required or obliged to go to Leeward : These are, in pursuance thereof, to will and require you forthwith to give Direction unto the respective Commanders of his Majesty's Ships under your Command, that upon their meeting with any Men of War belonging to the most Christian King, (whether Flag-Ships, or others) within

within the *Mediterranean* Sea, they do not salute the said Men of War, nor expect any Salutes from them; as also that they carefully observe the said Agreement in the point of keeping the Wind, according as is above-mentioned: but, that in all other things they behave themselves friendly and civilly towards them, as his Majesty's Friends and Allies; for which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 6th of July, 1669.*

JAMES.

There being Advice come that some of the Men of War belonging to *Tripoli*, have seized upon an *English* Ship, called the *Victory*, upon pretence that there was Stranger's Goods on board her, and have made Prize of the said Ship and Goods; in case you shall find that this Information proves true, and that the *Tripolines* have broken the Peace that they have made with us, you are then to put in execution against those of *Tripoli*, as to the demanding of Satisfaction and Restitution, and making War upon them in case of their refusal, all the Instructions and Powers which have been given you in reference to those of *Algiers*: and in case you shall find that those of *Tunis* have likewise broke the Peace with us, you are to do the like with them. But you are not either to go yourself, or send any part of your Force for performing of this, either to *Tunis* or *Tripoli*, until you shall have so far executed your Instructions about those of *Algiers*, that you certainly

tainly know whether you have Peace or War with them. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 13th of July, 1669.*

JAMES.

To Sir Thomas Allen.

WHereas by Instructions from me, dated *July 6th, 1669*, you were ordered to give Directions to the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships under your Command, that upon their meeting any Men of War belonging to the most Christian King, (whether Flag-Ship, or others) within the *Mediterranean* Sea, they should not salute them, nor expect any Salutes from them, as also that no Disputes be for the Wind, but; that the Ships of War of either Side which should happen to have the Wind, might keep it if they pleased, without being required or obliged to go to Leeward; which Instructions were given you by his Majesty's Directions, upon the undertaking of the Ambassador of the most Christian King, that the *French* Men of War should have Orders and Directions to use and observe the same manner of proceedings on their part: And, whereas the said Ambassador now acknowledges, that he misunderstood his Majesty's Intentions therein, and declared he cannot procure his Consent to the said Agreement; I do thereupon, by his Majesty's Directions, recall and wholly disannul the abovesaid Instructions, requiring and commanding you entirely to suppress the same Instructions, as if they had never been given; yet you are, notwithstanding,

ing, if you meet any *French* Men of War, to keep a good Correspondence with them, according to former Practice; and out of his Majesty's Seas, to avoid as much as may be all Occasion of Contest with them. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 25th of July, 1669.*

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To Sir Thomas Allen.

WHereas it happeneth oftentimes, that the Ships belonging to the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, which come within the *Streights* Mouth, have occasion for Supplies of several and divers Sorts of Provisions and Stores, which cannot conveniently and regularly be provided for them, and furnished to them as they ought, without some particular Person be appointed and authorized for taking care thereof: And I having formerly appointed *Thomas Clutterbuck*, Merchant, (and now Consul at *Leghorn*) to that purpose, who has so well acquitted himself in that Employment in every particular, that he hath both given his Majesty and myself very good Satisfaction; for which reason I have thought fit to design him again for the said Service; and do accordingly appoint and authorize him the said *Thomas Clutterbuck*, from time to time, as often as occasion shall require, to furnish any of his Majesty's Ships which shall come to *Leghorn*, *Ferrao*, or any other Port within the Territories of the Grand Duke of *Tuscany*, such Supplies of all kinds, (Victuals only excepted) as shall be necessary for them, he having a War-

rant from the Commander in Chief, or the particular Captain of such Ship or Ships as shall come there, for doing thereof: as also the taking the Receipt of the several and respective Officers of such Ship or Ships as shall be supplied as aforesaid, for all such Stores and Provisions as shall be delivered unto them accordingly. And in case it shall happen, that at any time there shall be occasion of Careening any of his Majesty's Ships within any of the said Ports, he the said *Thomas Clutterbuck* is to cause the same to be done, having first received the Commander's Warrant for it, as also his, or their Receipt or Receipts for such Materials and Charges as shall be expended, and disbursed in and about the same; which Money is to be paid unto the said *Thomas Clutterbuck*, by the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, out of the Treasury of the Navy. Hereby willing and requiring him the said *Thomas Clutterbuck*, to use his best care and utmost diligence for the due performance of this Service. And, whereas it is also requisite, that some Person be appointed to negotiate and transact with the Grand Duke of *Tuscany*, or any of his Ministers, all such Affairs as shall, or may concern all, or any of his Majesty's Ships coming into the said Ports: I have thought fit, and do hereby authorize, appoint, and empower him the said *Thomas Clutterbuck*, that as any of his Majesty's Ships shall come into any of the Ports belonging to the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, he use his utmost care and endeavour that they may

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have Prattique speedily granted them, and have all Accommodations of the said Ports: And to that purpose, he is from time to time as there shall be Occasion, to make his Address to the Great Duke, or any of his Ministers, or any other Person or Persons who may any ways promote the due Reception and Accommodation of his Majesty's said Ships. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall, the 29th of August, 1669.*

JAMES.

WHereas the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, by his Majesty's Letters Patents, bearing date the 29th of *January*, in the 12th Year of his Majesty's Reign, hath been pleased (amongst other things) to give and grant unto me, as Lord High Admiral of *England*, afore-said, all Wrecks in the Sea, all Treasure which is or shall be found, all Goods of Enemies which shall be found as derelict or cast away by Chance in the Sea: And, whereas there have been formerly several Ships cast away upon the Coast of *England*, in which it is presumed, there were Goods to a very great Value; and you having given Information of some Persons who have proposed (upon very probable hopes of good Success in that Work) to contract and agree for Fishing for the Wrecks and Goods which have been cast away upon the Coast of *England*; upon full Consideration of what you have represented, I have thought fit, and do hereby accordingly, will, authorize and empower you

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you to contract and agree with such Person or Persons as shall undertake the same, for the Wreck-fishing afore-mentioned, according to such Instructions as you shall herewith receive: And I do hereby likewise ratify and confirm all such Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements as you shall make with any Person or Persons in this behalf. *Given under my Hand and Seal at Whitehall, this 2^d of November, 1669.*

JAMES.

Instructions for Sir WILLIAM TEMPLE, his Majesty's Ambassador to the States of the United Provinces, pursuant to a Commission bearing Date with these Presents; according to which he is to proceed in making a Contract on my behalf, with certain Persons who propose to raise out of the Sea and recover such Ships and Goods as have been wrecked on the Coast of England and Ireland.

I. **T**O make a Contract and Bargain with such Persons as shall undertake the Wreck-fishings, at as low and cheap a Rate as can be procured for doing that Work; and in case they cannot be brought to take less, to allow them one Moiety of all such Ships and Goods, as they shall recover, in Consideration of the Charges they must be at, in performing the Work.

II. To require Caution of them, to bring to accompt truly and faithfully, all such Goods

as they shall recover, that his Royal Highness may not be defrauded of that Moiety which belongs to him; and for greater Security, to oblige them, that all Goods recovered shall be brought into *England* to be sold; and that such Person or Persons as his Royal Highness shall depute, may come on board such Vessels as they shall employ, to remain there to observe what Goods are, from time to time, recovered by them.

III. To oblige them to begin their Work by the 20th Day of *May* next, and to follow it with all possible Speed and Diligence, and to give notice, from time to time, to his Royal Highness's Secretary, when and where they begin to work. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 2^d of November, 1669.*

JAMES.

JAMES Duke of York, &c.

TO all Christian People to whom this present Writing shall come, sends Greeting: Know ye, that I the said *James* Duke of *York*, have nominated, authorized, and appointed, and by these Presents do nominate, authorize, and appoint *Robert Wright* of *Lincoln's-Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq; my true and lawful Attorney for me, and in my Name, to ask, demand, sue for, implead, recover, and receive all and every such Sum and Sums of Money, which are due and payable to me by Bond or otherwise, from any the Collectors and Re-

Receivers in his Majesty's several Ports of the Kingdom, arising from the Rights and Shares of Prizes and Prize-Goods, granted by his Majesty to his Seamen serving in his Majesty's Fleet; and to use all lawful ways and means in my Name, or otherwise, for the Recovery thereof; and Acquittances or other sufficient Discharges for the same, for me, and in my Name, to make, seal, and deliver, and to do all other Acts and Things whatsoever, concerning the Premises, as fully in every respect, as I myself might or could do; ratifying and confirming whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do, or cause to be done, in my Name, or otherwise, by force of these Presents. *In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this 13th of November, 1669.*

JAMES.

YOU are to take under your Charge and Convoy all the Herring-Ships, and all other Ships of his Majesty's Subjects bound to the *Streights*; and upon the 5th Day of this Instant *December*, in company of his Majesty's Ship the *Roebuck*, if she be come to you before you sail, or that you shall meet her by the way, (the Commander whereof is hereby required to obey your Orders as far as *Tangier*) to sail with them to *Cadiz* in *Spain*, where you have liberty, if you find occasion for it, to stay six Days and no longer; and then you are to sail to *Leghorn*, taking care that by the way you see the said Herring-Ships, and the

other Merchant-Ships under your Convoy, safe into their several Ports; but not to stay any where till you come to *Leghorn*.

You are to stay at *Leghorn* during the space of seven Days; and then you are, in Company of the Ship *Conclusion*, on board which are the Goods of the Lord *Falconbridge*, his Majesty's Ambassador to the State of *Venice*, whom you are to take under your Convoy, together with such other Merchant-Ships as are going that way, and shall be ready within that time, to go along with you, and to sail along with them as far as Cape *Sancta Maria de Leuca*, on this side of *Otranto*, in the mouth of the Gulph of *Venice*: You are then to call in at *Gallipoli*, and if there be any Ships there ready to come away with you, within four days, you are to take them under your Convoy, and to come with them to *Messina*; where if you find any Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects ready to come away with you, and no other of his Majesty's Ships of War there to convoy them, you are to come with them to *Leghorn*: But in case there be no Merchant-Ships at *Messina*, or if there be, and any other of his Majesty's Ships shall be there to convoy them, you are then to come directly to *Port-Mahon* in *Minorca*.

If you come to *Leghorn*, you are to clean there, if there be occasion for it, and to take in such Supplies of Provisions as you shall stand in need of; which having done, you are, with the Ships under your Convoy, to come to *Allicant*,

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But if you come to *Port-Mahon*, you are there to clean if you stand in need of it, and take in such Provisions as you want; and then you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions, as you shall receive from Sir *Thomas Allen*.

In case you shall find no Orders for you, either at *Port-Mahon*, or at *Alicant*, or that you shall find Sir *Thomas Allen* is returned for *England*, you are then, with the Ships under your Charge, to come to *Cadiz*, where are to proceed under your Protection, all such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, as shall be ready to come with you within ten Days; and come for *England*, into the *Downs*, where you are to give notice to my Secretary of your Arrival.

You are to keep an exact Journal of your Proceedings during the Voyage; of which you are to give a Copy to my Secretary at your Return, and you are to correspond with him by Letters, as often as you have an Opportunity. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 2^d of December, 1662.*

JAMES.

To Captain Pearse, Commander of his Majesty's Ship Sapphire.

UPON reading your Letters of the 7th and 26th of *September* last, at the Council-Board, wherein you desire Instructions, whether you shall intercept all Vessels trading with *Algiers*, and make Prize of all *Jews* Goods bound thither, and coming from thence; as also, whether you should insist upon Restitution of all such Ransoms as shall be paid by the *Spaniards* taken in the Ship *William*: His Majesty hath been pleased by his Order, sitting in Council, dated the 8th Instant, to direct, that you should stop all Ships whatsoever, that you find going into the Port of *Algiers*, and make strict Inquiry, (if you find they are his Majesty's Friends and Allies,) whether they have any Goods or Merchandizes aboard, that either belong to the Enemy, or are Contraband; and in case you find any Goods of the Enemy's, then you are to seize them for his Majesty's Use, paying the Master of the Ship his Freight for the same; but in case of Contraband Goods, then you are to seize them to his Majesty's Use as aforesaid, without any Satisfaction of Freight: but in other Cases you are to let them enter free into the said Port of *Algiers*. And his Majesty hath been farther pleased, by his said Order in Council, to direct, that all Commerce be forbidden between his Majesty's own Subjects, and those of *Algiers*, during the Continuance of the War; and likewise, that in case Don *Lorenzo Santo de Sant Pedro*, or others of the *Spaniards* taken in the *William*

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of *London*, be ransomed by their Friends before the Conclusion of this War; that then, if you come to a Treaty of Peace with those of *Algiers*, you are to forbear to insist upon the Restitution of their Ransom paid, but only on the Liberty of such as are then remaining in Captivity, and have attended the Issue of the War. These are therefore to will and require you, to take notice of his Majesty's Pleasure, signified by his aforesaid Order in Council, as to those Particulars, and to put the same in execution, and govern yourself thereby accordingly. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 17th of December, 1679.*

JAMES,

To Sir Thomas Allen.

To Captain EDMOND GREEN.

WHereas the King my Sovereign Lord and Brother, hath been pleased to direct, that you be employed in the finding out, and Discovery of such Stores, and Provisions belonging to his Majesty's Navy, as are stolen and purloined from his Majesty's Ships and Stores, with the yearly Sallary of ten Pounds: In pursuance thereof, these are to will, authorize, and empower you the said *Edmond Green*, from time to time, to make diligent Inquiry for any Stores or Provisions belonging to his Majesty's Navy, which are, or shall be purloined, embezzled, or stolen out of his Majesty's Ships or Stores, in any suspicious Places,
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either on float, or on shore, at, or nigh *Portsmouth, Southampton, Isle of Wight*, or any other places thereabouts, whereby you shall know or suspect the same to be conveyed or received; and upon Discovery of any such Stores or Provisions, you are to seize and secure the same for his Majesty's Service, and forthwith cause them to be carried to his Majesty's Stores at *Portsmouth*; and you are also to apprehend all such Person and Persons as shall be guilty of Purloining, Embezzling or Concealing any of the said Stores and Provisions, and carry them before some of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace near you, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law. And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bailiffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other his Majesty's Officers and loving Subjects whom it may concern, are hereby charged and required to be aiding and assisting unto you, in the due execution of this Warrant, as they tender his Majesty's Service, and will answer the contrary at their Perils: And you are from time to time to give an account of your proceedings herein unto the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, who are hereby authorized and required to make out Bills unto you for the aforesaid Sallary of ten Pounds a Year, according as it shall grow due; and also to make you Allowance for such Stores and Provisions as shall be by you discovered and brought into his Majesty's Stores as aforesaid, after the same Rate as hath been allowed usually in such cases, pur-

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JAMES.

WHereas upon the humble Petition of Major *Beckford*, a Slop-feller to his Majesty's Navy, praying liberty for the issuing unto the Seamen of his Majesty's Fleet, such Cloaths as by the sudden end of the late *Dutch War*, and the stopping of the Fleet designed to go forth in the Year 1667, are remaining upon his hands, either in his Majesty's Ships aboard, or in his Ware-houses; although the said Cloaths are of higher Prices than is directed by the late Establishment of the Rates of Cloaths to be vended on board his Majesty's Ships in times of Peace: I have upon Consideration thereof had, thought fit to direct, that the said Major *Beckford* shall have liberty for one Year only, for issuing such Cloaths of the greater Prices as the Seamen of his Majesty's Fleet shall voluntarily take off his hands, he taking care there be a sufficient Store of Cloaths on board the several Ships of the established Rates, for furnishing such of the Men as shall chuse to have them, rather than those of the dearer sort. These are to will and require you forthwith to give Direction unto the respective Commanders of his Majesty's Ships of your Squadron, that the Agents of the said Major *Beckford* may accordingly be permitted for one Year, from the Date
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hereof, to issue out Cloaths unto the Seamen who shall desire the same, of greater Prices than the Rates for Cloaths established; provided that at the same time there be a sufficient Store of Cloaths of the established Prices on board the said Ships, whereby the Seamen, who shall chuse rather to have them, may be furnished therewith, without being obliged to make use of the dearer sort: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 12th of March, 1669.*

JAMES.

To Sir Thomas Allen, Kt.

WHereas by writing under my Hand and Seal, bearing Date the 11th Day of *November*, 1669, I have authorized and empowered *Robert Wright* of *Lincoln's-Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq; to ask, demand, sue for, implead, recover and receive, all and every Sum and Sums of Money due and payable by Bond, or otherwise, from any the Collectors and Receivers in his Majesty's several Ports of this Kingdom, arising from the Rights and Shares of Prizes, and Prize-Goods granted by his Majesty to his Seamen, serving in his Majesty's Fleet, as by the said writing, it doth more fully and at large appear: These are likewise to authorize and empower and direct him the said *Robert Wright* to pay unto the Governors of the Chest of *Chatham*, for the use of the maimed Seamen and Soldiers, any such Sum or Sums of Money by him already received, or for the fu-
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ture to be received; and a Receipt or Receipts for all and every such Sum or Sums, under the Hands and Seals of the Clerk of the said Chest for the time being, and two or more of the Governors thereof, shall be a sufficient Discharge to him the said *Robert Wright* for his so doing, and shall be acquitted of the same: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall, this 28th of February, 1669.*

JAMES.

Additional Instructions for Sir WILLIAM TEMPLE, his Majesty's Ambassador to the States of the United-Provinces, pursuant to a Commission, bearing date 2^d of November, 1669, according to which he is to proceed in making a Contract on my behalf, with certain Persons who propose to raise out of the Sea, and recover such Ships and Goods as have been wrecked on the Coast of England and Ireland.

I. IN case the Person or Persons with whom you shall contract and bargain for undertaking the fishing for the Wrecks and Goods which have been cast away upon the Coast of *England and Ireland*, shall insist upon it; you may agree with him or them, that he or they shall have it granted to them for the Term of fifteen Years, provided they shall so long live.

II. You may promise, covenant, and agree with such Undertakers, that I will not, during
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the time of their Grant as aforesaid, give any Commission, Power, Authority or Allowance, to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, for the attempting of this Work of Wreck-fishing.

III. But in case this Exclusion to all others for meddling with the Wreck-fishing, during that Term granted to the Undertakers, expressly to covenant and agree, that they shall, and will yearly in every Year, during the Term aforesaid, set out to Sea, a certain number of Ships, and Men upon them, with such other Equipage as shall be necessary for the Work, and shall employ them in the pursuit and adventure of Wreck-fishing, during the Months of *May, June, July* and *August* in every Year, (excepting only such Days as they shall be hindred by accidents) and to that end, the Days and Weeks so wrought in, to be registred in a Journal, as also the Reasons of the Causes of their being hindred in those Days and Weeks they shall not labour and work in that adventure; and as to the ascertaining the Number of Ships and Men, it is left wholly to your Discretion, upon Treaty with the Undertakers, to bring them up as high as possibly may be. And in case they shall neglect or fail to perform what is promised in this Article, then the Grant and Contract made with them shall be utterly void, null, and of no effect, as if the same had never been made. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 21st of March, 1669.*

JAMES.

SO soon as you have received on board ten or twelve Officers of the Ships at *Portsmouth*, and twenty Soldiers more, which will be sent on board you, by the Master-Attendant of his Majesty's Yard at *Portsmouth*; you are with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to sail with the Ship under your Command to the Westward, and to call at *Plymouth* and *Falmouth*, and enquire there if they have Intelligence of any *Turks* Men of War that have been lately seen upon the *English* Coast, or in the Mouth of the Channel: and if you shall there, or by any Ships you shall meet at Sea, have certain Advice of the *Turks* Men of War being on the *English* Coast, or the Mouth of the Channel, you are then forthwith to sail into the Mouth of the Channel, and to continue plying thereabouts, using your best endeavours for the Security and Protection of such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be outward or inward bound. And you are once in three or four Days to stand in to the *English* Shore about the Land's end, or the *Lizard*, for securing the Coast from the *Turks*, in case they shall make any attempt to land. If you shall meet with any Advice of the *Turks* Men of War, either at *Plymouth*, *Falmouth*, or from Ships at Sea; you are then to sail over into *Conquest* Road in *Brittany*, and make the best enquiry you can there, if any *Turks* Men of War have lately been in those Parts, and intended for the Channel: and if you shall be certainly informed they have,

have, you are then forthwith to hasten to your Station in the Mouth of the Channel, and ply there, as is above directed, calling once in about a Week's time, at *Falmouth*, as well to send up hither an account of such Intelligence as you shall gain, as to receive further Orders. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 2^d of April, 1670.*

JAMES.

*To Captain Young, Captain
of his Majesty's Ship, Ad-
vice.*

WHereas Sir *William Temple*, his Majesty's Ambassador to the States of the *United-Provinces*, hath in pursuance of a Commission from me, bearing Date the 2^d of *November* last, covenanted and agreed with Mr. *Edmund Curtis*, sen. on behalf of himself and Partners, for the raising out of the Sea, and recovering such Ships and Goods as have been wrecked on the Coast of *England* and *Ireland*; by which said Agreement the said Mr. *Curtis* (amongst other things) is obliged to set to Sea yearly, during his Term, two Ships at the least, each of which shall be of forty Tuns burthen, with such Men and other Equipage as shall be necessary to be employed in the discovery or pursuit of Wreck-fishing: And that such Persons as I shall think fit to appoint, shall have liberty to come on board such Vessel as the said Mr. *Curtis* shall so employ, to inspect their Actings in this Work, and take care that Right be done me, as to that

that part of such Goods as shall belong to me. In pursuance of which said Contract, the said Undertakers have already sent a Vessel, called the *Industry*, *Jacob Dobber* Master, upon the Coast of *England*, to be employed in the said Wreck-Fishing; I being well assured of your Fidelity and Ability for this Service, have thought fit to appoint you to go on board the said Ship, to take care of my Share and Proportion of such Goods as shall be recovered by Wreck-Fishing: These are therefore to will, authorize, and empower you forthwith to repair on board the said Ship, there to continue until farther Order; and during your abode there, you are to observe, perform, and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall herewith receive from me concerning this Affair. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 10th Day of May, 1670.*

JAMES.

Instructions for Mr. John Clarke, Master-Gunner of his Majesty's Ship Henry, pursuant to a Commission bearing Date with these Presents; according to which he is to proceed in looking after my Part of such Goods as shall be recovered by Wreck-Fishing.

I. **Y**OU are immediately to repair on board the Ship *Industry*, *Jacob Dobber*, or the *Recovery*, *Robert Butler* Master; where you are to continue during all the time either
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of them shall be employed upon the Work of Wreck-Fishing; and during your abode there, you are to be very diligent and circumspect, in observing what Guns, Anchors, Cables, Plate, Tin, Lead, Brasses, Copper, Iron, or other Goods shall be recovered by Wreck-Fishing by those employed in that Ship; and you are to put a Mark upon all such Goods so recovered, whereby they may be known, when they come to be sold or otherwise disposed of, that none of them may be embezzled, nor I defrauded of that Part of them which belongs to me: And to this end, you are to keep a Day-Book, in which you are to set down the several Marks which you shall find upon all Goods, as shall be so recovered, together with the several and respective Qualities and Quantities thereof, as distinctly as may be. And you are also, as well as you can judge, to make a true Estimate of the Value of them.

II. You are to keep an exact Journal of their Proceedings, in which you are particularly to take notice of the several Times and Places, in and at which they begin to fish, and what Days they shall be hindred from that Work, and by what Accidents, and of the Cause and Reasons of their being hindred all such time as they shall not work, in pursuit of this Adventure; and you are, as often as you have Opportunity, to return an Account of this Affair unto my Secretary. *Given under my Hand, at St. James's, this 10th of May, 1670.*

JAMES.

WHereas Sir *William Temple*, Bar^t, his Majesty's Ambaffador to the States of the *United-Provinces*, hath in purfuanee of a Commiffion from me, dated the 2^d of *November* laft, covenanted and agreed by Articles of Agreement, bearing Date the 10th of *April* 1670, with Mr. *Edmund Curtis*, Senior, and Partners, for raifing out of the Sea, and recovering fuch Ships and Goods as have been wrecked on the Coaft of *England* and *Ireland*, out of which I am to have a certain Share and Proportion ; I have thought fit, and do accordingly authorize and empower you the faid Mr. *Edmund Curtis*, Senior, by your felf, or fuch as you fhall employ to that purpofe, to fift for all the Wrecks upon the Coaft of *England* and *Ireland*. And I do likewise will and require all my Vice-Admirals, and all other Officers belonging to the feveral Vice-Admirals of *England* and *Ireland*, to permit and fuffer you and fuch others as fhall be employed by you, and the reft of the Undertakers in the faid Work of Wreck Fifting, to fift and work quietly without any Moleftation : And for fo doing, this fhall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at St. James's, this 13th of June, 1670.*

JAMES.

Proposals touching Convoys for securing the Trade to Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Turkey :

Humbly tendered to his Royal Highness.

THAT the first Convoy may be of three Men of War, to depart out of the *Downs* the 15th of *August*, with the first Pilchard Ships, the Cloth Ships for *Turky*, and such others as shall be then ready. That they leave all Ships bound for *Lisbon* and *Spain*, at their several Ports, as high as *Malaga*; then one of them to proceed with such Ships as shall be bound for *Alicant*, *Marseilles*, *Genoa*, *Leghorn*, *Naples*, *Messina*, and *Zant*, and bring back through the Phare of *Messina*, such Currant Ships as shall be ready by the 20th of *October*, and such Oil Ships as shall be at *Messina*, &c. And it is humbly desired by the *Levant* Company, That the other two may directly from *Alicant* accompany the Cloth Ships for *Turky*, which should they touch in all the Ports of *Spain* and *Italy*, the Time would be too far spent for their Markets abroad (being Winter Commodities) and the long lying on board, would greatly endamage the Cloth. But since this Convoy cannot be soon enough back upon the Coast of *Spain*, to bring back the first Vintage Ships of this Year (which must come thence at or before the 20th of *September*) to the end the Fruit and Wine may be here dispersed before *Christmas*, it is humbly desired, that some of the

the returning Ships of *Sir Thomas Allen*, may be ordered to convoy those Ships home, and that in their return they may not put into *Cadiz*, or any other Port.

That another Convoy of three Ships may go out of the *Downs* the 20th of *November*, with the Herring Ships and last Pilchards (which should be ready for them at *Plymouth*) one of which may go from the *Streights* Mouth directly through the Phare of *Messina*, to put in the Herring Ships bound for *Venice*, into the Gulph, and to take from *Zant* and *Messina* the last Currant and Oil Ships, &c. and the other two might convoy the other Ships to their usual Ports of *Spain* and *Italy*, and return all Ships from any of those Ports for *England*.

That a Convoy of two Men of War may go out of the *Downs* the 30th of *March*, with the Spring Manufactures, to go along the Coasts of *Spain* and *Italy*, as far as *Messina*, and bring home what Ships they find in any of those Ports, and to touch at *Cadiz* and *Lisbon* in their going home.

That the 10th of *June*, a Convoy of two Ships may be appointed to accompany Ships to *Portugal*, *Spain*, and *Italy*; and then to proceed, one to *Smyrna*, the other to *Scanderoon*, to bring what Ships may be there, staying twenty Days for that end, and afterwards to call at *Messina*, and join together if they can: And that none of these Convoys (except in this case last mentioned) shall in their Voyage out-stay above two Days in any Port, and not at all at

Lisbon and Cadiz, but only see the Ships safe in Port.

The *French, Dutch, and Genoese* to induce the Transportation of Silver to their Territories, do constantly order several Men of War for the Port of *Cadiz*, against the Arrival of the *Spanish* Galleons and Fleet; for Silver being of equal Value, Merchants are induced to send it, or at least to divide their Adventures, according to the Security they find by Convoy for the aforesaid Ports, of *England*. It is therefore humbly desired, (the Times of their Arrival in *Spain* being uncertain) That due Provision of Convoys be ordered, which will much encourage the Importation of Silver hither.

*All which is humbly offered to the Consideration of his Royal Highness.**

Instructions for Sir THOMAS ALLEN.

I Having thought fit to change the present Method of carrying on the War against the *Algerines*, according to a Project which you will herewith receive from my Secretary: You are to give Orders for a couple of the Frigats, which shall be thought fitting to be sent home in pursuance of the said Project, to be at *Allicant* by the 15th of *September* next, to con-

* *Memorandum.* These Proposals were delivered to his Royal Highness the 16th of *June* 1670. by Sir *Andrew Riccard*, Sir *John Frederick*, Mr. *Buckworth*, Mr. *Jolliffe*, two of the *Houblans*, Mr. *Willington*, and Mr. *Alwin*.

voy home the first Vintage Ships for this Year, directing the Commanders of the said Ships to take under their Convoy from *Alicant*, and other Ports in *Spain*, within the *Streights* Mouth, such Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects, as shall be laden with Wine and Fruit, or any other Ships homeward bound ; and to bring them directly to the *Downs* (not putting into *Cadiz*, or any other Port in their way home) and upon their Arrival there, to send up notice to my Secretary.

So soon as Sir *Edward Spragge* shall be arrived with you, according to the Orders I have sent him for that purpose, you are with the first opportunity of Wind and Weather, to return for *England* with his Majesty's Ship *Resolution*, and bring her to *Portsmouth* in your way home, calling at such Ports as you shall think fitting, and bring from thence such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be ready to come away with you.

You are to leave the Command of his Majesty's Fleet now under your Charge, with Sir *Edward Spragge*, whom I have directed to take charge of the same ; and you are to give him the best Information you can of the state of his Majesty's Affairs intrusted with you ; and you are to leave with him Copies (attested under your Hand) of such Orders and Instructions : s you have received ; to the end he may put in execution such part thereof, as has not been already executed by you : And you are also to leave with him any other Papers which may be

of use to him, for his Guidance and Direction in carrying on his Majesty's Service committed to his Care. *Given under my Hand at Richmond, this 14th of July 1670.*

JAMES.

Instructions for Sir EDWARD SPRAGGE.

WHEREAS I have thought fitting to appoint you to command his Majesty's Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, in the room of Sir *Thomas Allen*, whom upon his desire I have ordered to return for *England*: You are therefore, upon the coming away of Sir *Thomas Allen*, to take upon you the Command of the said Fleet, according to the Commission herewith sent you: And you are hereby authorized and empowered to wear the Union-Flag at the Main Top-mast-head of his Majesty's Ship, on board which you shall be, which is the only Flag I would have worn in this Fleet.

I have resolved, that this Fleet shall consist of two third Rates, six fourth Rates, two fifth Rates, two Fireships, and two Ketches. The *Revenge* and *Mary* are to be the two third Rates; and for the others, you are to chuse them out of the several Ships following, taking care to keep with you, such as are the best Sailors, have been the least abroad, and are in the best Condition for Service.

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<i>Bristol.</i>	<i>Advice.</i>	<i>Lit. Victory,</i>	} Fire-ships.
<i>Hampshire.</i>	<i>Portland.</i>	<i>Welcome,</i>	
<i>Portsmouth.</i>	<i>Foresight.</i>	<i>Orange,</i>	} Ketches.
<i>Centurion.</i>	<i>Guernsey.</i>	<i>Deptford,</i>	
<i>Dragon.</i>	<i>Garland.</i>	<i>Portsmouth,</i>	
<i>Const. Warwick.</i>	<i>Dartmouth.</i>	<i>mouth,</i>	
<i>Nonfuch.</i>	<i>Pearl.</i>		

Such of the said Ships as you shall not think fitting to keep with you, you are to order home for *England* as soon as may be, giving them Directions to call at the several Ports in their return, for any Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects which shall be homeward bound.

You are to take out of the Ships that shall return, such Victuals, Ammunition, and Stores, of any sort, as they can spare, for Supply of the Ships that stay with you, taking care to leave them as sufficient Supply for the safe bringing them home.

You are also to take out of the returning Ships, such Soldiers as have been sent from hence, and distribute them on board the Ships that are to remain with you, directing the Commanders to bear them above their Complements; and if these Soldiers do not complete their Numbers to 25 Men more in each Ship, than their respective Complements, you are to order the Commanders to make up their respective Complements to that number. But this is not intended for the Fire-ships or Ketches.

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You are, with this Fleet under your Command, from time to time, to ply in such Stations (either all together, or in Squadrons) as you in your Discretion shall judge best, for carrying on his Majesty's Service intrusted with you, and to be very diligent and careful to make use of all Opportunities for doing service on the *Algerenes*, either in their Harbours, or abroad at Sea : And for the better effecting thereof, you are to keep at Sea as much as possible may be, and wholly to attend this Service, not meddling at all with the Convoying of any Merchant-Ships, nor making use of any Port but *Port-Mahon* in *Minorca* ; unto which Place you are to order any of your Ships, when they shall stand in need of cleaning, or to be supplied with Stores or Provisions ; and care shall be taken, that a plentiful Supply of all Stores, Victuals, (as well Beverage, as other Provisions) shall be always in a readiness in that Port, for your Recruit, to the end you may not be obliged to go to seek them elsewhere.

You are to receive from Sir *Thomas Allen*, Copies attested under his hand, of such Instructions and Orders as have been given him for this Service ; and such of them as are not yet executed, and shall consist with these, and such other Orders as you shall afterwards receive, you are to put in execution, according to the best of your Discretion.

You are, by all convenient Opportunities that shall present, to correspond with my Secretary,
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and send me an account of your Proceedings.
Given under my Hand at Richmond, this 14th
of July, 1670.

JAMES.

YOU are forthwith, upon receipt hereof,
(Wind and Weather permitting) to send
one of the Fourth-Rate Ships of your Fleet
(which shall be designed to be sent home, in
pursuance of my Orders of the 14th of *July*
last) into the Island of *Teneriff*, directing the
Commander thereof to hasten thither all he can;
and upon his arrival there, to look into the
Ports of *Oratava* and *Gerachica*, and see what
Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects are
there: And that then he ply out between Point
Negro and *Gerachica*, for the Security and
Protection of such Ships of his Majesty's Sub-
jects, as shall be trading in these Parts; and
that when any of the Merchant-Ships shall
(while they are taking in their Lading) be
forced out from *Oratava* or *Gerachica*, he be
very diligent and careful in attending on them,
and use his best Endeavours to secure them
from any Attempts that may be made against
them.

You are to direct the said Frigate to conti-
nue plying as aforesaid, until the 20th of *No-*
vember next; and that then (in case there shall
be arrived there another Frigate, which is in-
tended to be sent from hence,) he take the
first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to come
from the *Downs*, bringing under his Convoy
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such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, as shall be ready to come away with him: But if it shall so happen, that the Frigate intended from hence do not arrive by the said 20th of *November*, he is then to continue there until she shall arrive, or until the 15th of *December* following, (beyond which time he is not to stay) and then return for *England*, with such Convoys as shall be ready to come with him as aforesaid.

You are to take care, that the sending this Frigate to *Teneriff*, do not hinder the execution of any other Service; upon which you are to send any of the Ships designed home, in pursuance of any former Orders which you shall have received from me: And if it shall happen that you cannot conveniently send one of the Frigats that are to return, upon this Service, you are then to send one of the Ships of your own Fleet, which you can best spare to perform the same. For which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 8th of August, 1670.*

JAMES.

*To Sir Thomas Allen, or
to Sir Edward Spragge.*

W H E R E A S the Power and Command of *Upner-Castle* did always heretofore belong properly to the Lord High-Admiral of *England*: And his Majesty having of late been pleased to direct, that the said Castle should be made use of as a Magazine for laying up
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of Stores; I do therefore hereby think fit to declare, that I am content that the said Castle should be made use of, by the Master of his Majesty's Ordnance, for laying Stores in, during such time as his Majesty shall please to continue it a Magazine, to that purpose. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 4th of August, 1670.*

JAMES.

Instructions for Sir JOHN HARMAN.

WHEREAS by my Orders formerly sent you, dated the 11th of *June* last, you were directed to sail for *Cyprus*, and bring from thence some Ships bound for *England*, and calling at *Zant* and other Ports in your way, to come along with them for *Cadiz*: I now think fitting to direct, that having taken under your Convoy the said Ships from *Scanderoon*, and gathered up at the several Ports in your way, such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be ready to come for *England*, you do with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, and also the *Dartmouth*, (if she shall not be otherwise ordered by the Commander of his Majesty's Fleet in the *Streights*,) accompany them for *England*, and give them convoy unto the *Downs*: And upon your arrival there, send up notice thereof unto my Secretary. *Given under my Hand at St James's, this 10th of August, 1670.*

JAMES.
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Instructions for the Greenwich.

YOU are to take under your Convoy, such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be in the *Downs*, bound for *Lisbon, Faro, Spain, Tangier*, or any Ports within the *Streights*, and especially the Ship lading with Cloth bound for *Turky*, and such as shall have on board any Victuals or Stores for his Majesty's Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, or his Majesty's Garrison at *Tangier*: But you are not to stay for any longer than the 5th Day of *September* next, which time being expired, you are forthwith, Wind and Weather permitting, (in Company of his Majesty's Ship the *Affurance*, the Commander whereof is hereby required to follow your Orders) to sail, with such as shall be then ready to go with you, unto *Plymouth*, and there also take under your Convoy, such Ships as shall be laden with Pilchards, or any other Merchandizes, and bound for any of the Ports aforesaid, and shall be ready to sail within twenty-four Hours after your arrival there; beyond which time you are not to stay for them.

You are then to proceed with your Convoys to the Southward, using your best endeavours to convoy such as are bound to *Lisbon, Faro, Tangier*, or any Ports in *Spain*, on this side *Malaga*, safe into their respective Ports; but you are not to go into any of those Ports, but only see your Convoys in as you pass by, and then
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you are to sail to *Malaga*; where being arrived, you are to leave there such Ships as are bound for any Ports higher up in the *Streights*, to be convoyed by the *Fersey* and *Centurion*, or such other Ships as shall be appointed to take care of them: And yourself and the *Assurance* are to proceed with the *Turky* Ships directly for their Ports, keeping company together until you shall be past the Island of *Candia*, and then you are to separate yourselves; and yourself are to convoy such Ships as are bound for *Scanderoon*, unto that Port, leaving the *Assurance* to proceed with such as are bound for *Smyrna*, according to the Orders he hath received.

Upon your arrival at *Scanderoon*, in case you find any Merchant Ships there belonging to his Majesty's Subjects that will be ready to come away for *England*, or any Port in your way home in twenty Days, you are to stay so long for them; but otherwise, you are not to stay above eight Days in that Port; and while you continue there, you are to take especial care to keep your Men on board as much as may be, and such as shall be on shore, in such good order, that all Quarrels and Disturbances between them and the *Turks* may be avoided.

When you have dispatched at *Scanderoon*, you are forthwith to sail to *Zant*, whither the *Assurance* hath Orders to come and join you; and so soon as you are joined with her, you are both together to take under your Convoy, such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects
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as shall be there bound for *England*, or any Ports in your way; and you are to come with them through the Phare of *Messina*, *Naples*, *Leghorn*, *Genoa*, *Alicant*, *Malaga*, *Cadiz*, and *Lisbon*, for such Ships as shall be at any of those Ports, bound for *England*, and with them you are to return for the *Downs*; and upon your arrival there, send up notice to my Secretary, but you are to make as little stay as may be in any of the said Ports: And, if upon your coming into any Port, you find the Merchant-Ships there will not be ready to come away in a few days, you are not to stay for them.

Whereas the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, hath been pleased to direct, that none of his Majesty's Ships of War shall expect or require any Salutes from any of the Ships belonging to the most Christian King, from the Cape *Finister*, farther on in all the Seas, as well the Ocean, as the *Mediterranean*, neither shall they give any Salutes to the said Ships; you are to take care that the said Directions be punctually observed by you during the present Voyage.

And whereas his Majesty, by his Order in Council, dated the 23^d of *April*, 1669, hath been pleased to order and declare, that no Captain or Officer of any of his Majesty's Ships, shall upon any pretence whatsoever, take in, or carry on board any of his Majesty's Ships, any sort or kind of Goods or Merchandizes, (Gold and Silver only excepted) you are to take
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care that his Majesty's said Order be strictly and punctually observed by yourself, and all others under your Command, as you will answer the Breach thereof, at your utmost Peril. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 21st of August, 1670.*

JAMES.

To Captain Robinson, Captain of his Majesty's Ship Greenwich.

YOU are with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to accompany his Majesty's Ship the *Greenwich*, in the convoying the Ships bound for *Turky, Lisbon, Faro, Spain* and *Tangier*, and therein to follow such Orders as you shall receive from Captain *Robinson*, Commander of the *Greenwich*.

When you shall be past the Island of *Candia*, you are to take under your Charge, such of the *Turky* Ships as shall be bound for *Smyrna*, and give the Convoy unto that Port, leaving those for *Scanderoon* to be convoyed by the *Greenwich*.

If upon your arrival at *Smyrna*, you find any Merchant Ships of his Majesty's Subjects there, bound for *England*, or any Port in your way home, which will be ready to come away in twenty Days, you are to stay so long for them; but otherwise, you are not to stay in that Port above eight Days.

When you have dispatched at *Smyrna*, you are forthwith to sail for *Zant*, and stay there
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until the *Greenwich* arrive, (if you come there before her) and then you are to join with her, and follow such Orders as you shall receive from Captain *Robinson*.

The two Articles forbidding saluting the *French*, and taking in Merchant's Goods, as is in Captain *Robinson's* Instructions aforegoing. Dated the 21st of August, 1670.

JAMES.

To Captain Wyld, Captain
of his Majesty's Ship *Assurance*.

To RICHARD GIBSON, Gent.

WHEREAS upon Representation made thereof to me, as well from the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, as Sir *Dennis Gauden*, Knight, Victualler of the same; it is judged expedient for his Majesty's Service, that some Person be appointed, with fitting Instructions, to accompany the Convoy now going to the *Streights*, with Provisions and Stores for the Supply of his Majesty's Fleet there, and to attend the said Fleet during the present War with *Algiers*, as Agent for looking after the Receipt, safe Custody, and regular Issuing all Provisions and Stores called for by the same, as also keeping an accompt of the Expence thereof, and timely providing for the Supply of what is wanting: And, whereas I have received good testimony of your particular Ability and Fitness, to serve his Majesty in that Capacity; I do hereby

by constitute and appoint you the said *Richard Gibson*, to be Agent for the said Fleet, authorizing and requiring you with all Faithfulness and Diligence to perform the Duty of your said Place, according to the Tenour of the Instructions hereunto annexed, whereof the said principal Officers and Commissioners, the Commander in Chief, and other the Commanders, Officers and Seamen of the said Fleet, are in their respective places to take notice. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 22^d of August, 1670.*

JAMES.

Instructions to be observed by RICHARD GIBSON, appointed to attend the Service of his Majesty's Fleet, during the present War with Algiers, in the receiving, preserving, issuing and keeping accompt of the Provisions and Stores of the said Fleet, the timely providing for Supply of its wants, and the receiving, paying, and right accompting for the Moneys to be employed to the right Uses thereof.

YOU are in the first place to inform yourself from Sir *Dennis Gauden* and Company, Victuallers of his Majesty's Navy, in the true Quantities and Species of Provisions, now by them in preparing, for the Supply of his Majesty's Fleet in the *Streights*, under the Command of Sir *Thomas Allen*, Knight, in order to the satisfying yourself how the same will effectually answer my Warrant of the 16th of *July* last,

last, directing the providing two Months Provisions for two Thousand two Hundred and forty five Men to be going with the Convoy appointed by me for that purpose; and in case you find the said Provisions by them so provided, either in Species or Quantities to fall short of, or otherwise not comply with my said Warrant, and their Contract as Victuallers of the Navy; you are presently to lay the same before the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, together with what Expedients they shall propound for the effectual making good of the same to you, for the use of his Majesty, at your arrival with the said Convoy and Provisions at *Port-Makon*, upon the Island of *Minorca*, to which Port the same are to be transported.

II. You are upon your arrival at the said Port, to take an accompt of what (if any) of his Majesty's Provisions shall be there remaining, either on shore, or on board the *Golden-Hand* Store-ship, as also of the right Delivery of the aforesaid Supply now to be sent, giving suitable Discharges under your Hand to the Master or Masters of the Ships or Vessels wherein the same shall be sent; and as well the said Provisions, as what hereafter shall come into your Custody for the use of his Majesty, whether sent from *England*, taken out of Prizes, or otherwise provided upon the Place, (as shall be hereafter more fully expressed) you are to take into your Charge, and see conveniently disposed of, in places by you to that purpose to be provided, at the least Charge you can on shore; and

the same so lodged, to take care of, for the preserving them from all Embezzlement, Waste, or other Damage, and to see that the same shall be from time to time duly, and in seasonable Weather issued to his Majesty's Ships, according to such written Warrants as you shall receive from the said Sir *Thomas Allen*, or the Commander in chief of the said Fleet, or any part thereof for the time being, or (in the Absence of such Commander in chief) from any single Commander therein, upon Certificate given you under his Hand, of the state and ground of his Wants, taking the Indent or Receipt of the Purser of each Ship, specifying the Species and Quantities of each Provisions so delivered him by your Discharge.

III. And for your more methodical Proceeding in this Matter, and that a right Accompt may be always by you kept, as well of your Stores, as of the state of Victualling of the said Fleet, for the enabling you at all times rightly to represent the same, as well to the principal Officers and Commanders of his Majesty's Navy, as to the said Commander in chief, when he shall require the same: You are before your issuing of any Provisions to any of his Majesty's said Ships, to demand from the Commander and Purser of the same, a perfect Particular under their Hands of the several Species of Provisions then remaining on board her; by which, together with the Accompt which you shall keep of your own Issues, and the Knowledge you are to have of the numbers of Men borne on each

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Ship, (which to that purpose you are to demand and receive of the Muster-master of the Fleet, and in his Absence have Authority hereby given you, of informing your self by Musters of your own) you are in a particular Book by you to that purpose kept to adjust from Week to Week the state of each Ship's Victualling, and your Remains of Provisions, and thereof to be ready to give an Account, not only to the said Commander in chief, when demanded, but by every Conveyance, to Sir *Jeremy Smyth*, Knight, one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, in order as well to the informing him in the general state of the Victualling of the said Fleet, as to enable him seasonably and rightly to charge each Purser with his particular Receipts. And you are farther hereby required by the like Conveyances duly to transmit to the Lord Viscount *Brouncker*, another of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, Copies of such Musters as you shall take, in pursuance of this Article.

IV. And whereas for the lengthening his Majesty's Provisions in the Expence thereof, the Seamen serving therein are frequently put to short Allowance, and Money is of great Import to his Majesty, by the keeping of good Discipline and Content amongst the said Seamen; you are, out of Moneys to be put into your hands for that purpose, to cause the said short Allowance, at the coming in of each Ship to re-victual, to be duly paid upon Accompt to the Purser thereof; that is to say, as well the
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Arrears that shall be thereof due at the time of their first coming in, after your Arrival there, as so much more Money as will from time to time at each Re-victualling, lengthen the Victuals at six to four Men's Allowance, to the full time they ought to last, in case the same were to be compleatly put on board in Specie; and the Acquittance of the said Purser's, expressing the time and number of Men by which it was computed, shall be your Discharge for the same.

V. For preventing of the frequent Disputes arising between his Majesty and the Victualler, and the Inconveniences his Majesty is made liable to by Certificates, of the Defects, Waste and Damage of Provisions happening abroad, you are upon the coming in of each Ship to Port, to enquire after what Defects, Wastes, Damages, or other Losses have arisen; or by Survey or otherwise, to call upon each Commander to cause the 24th Article of my Instructions to Commanders on this Subject, to be duly executed, thereby as well to enable you timely to certify to the said Sir *Jeremy Smyth*, what Defects, Wastes, Damages, or other Losses of Provisions may have so happened, as the better to give yourself, in the right adjusting the state of each Ship's Victualling, and the Supplies necessary to answer the same.

VI. And whereas the well carrying on of this War doth, according to the present Project thereof, depend upon such a constant Supply of Provisions and Stores of all Sorts, to be had at

Port-Mahon, as may answer all the Occasions and Wants of his Majesty's Fleet, so as the said Fleet may continually be kept abroad, without occasion of resorting to any other Port, for Supplies of Provisions or Stores, than that of *Port-Mahon*; you are upon timely Prospect, to be always by you had, of such Wants of Provisions or Stores, to repair (by Advice of the said Commander in Chief) to such other Port or Place as may at best Dispatch, and at lowest Rates, furnish you with the same; and by such Moneys or Credits as shall be to that purpose put into your hands, either by his Majesty on behalf of himself, or the three Victuallers on their own behalf, to cause suitable Supplies of all sorts to be timely made and transported to the said *Port-Mahon*, that (as is already said) his Majesty's Service may be in no wise obstructed for want thereof. And for your Discharge in the Disbursements aforesaid, you are to produce Acquittances (under the Hands of each Person to whom any such Disbursement is by you made) specifying the Particulars of each Provisions, Stores or Service relating to, and the Prices paid for the same; which Acquittances you are at all times (when demanded) to be ready to shew to Sir *Thomas Allen*, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, and to produce them hereafter to the Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy, for your final Discharge, when you shall come to pass your Accompt. And you are farther to transmit to the Surveyor of his Majesty's Navy, an Account of what part of the said
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Stores shall at any time (upon demand thereof in Writing signed by the Commander) to be delivered to the Boatwains and Carpenters of any of his Majesty's Ships, taking care that the Original or Duplicates of the Acquittances of the said Officers be sent to the said Surveyor either before or at the time of each Ship's being sent home in order to the said Officers being timely and fully charged therewith at the passing their Accompts.

VII. And whereas his Majesty hath heretofore been found to sustain great Loss, and Sir *Thomas Allen* does at this day complain of the Service being much obstructed by the want of a due Care for the refitting and disposing of the Cask belonging to the said Fleet: You are hereby ordered, with the assistance of three Coopers to be carried with you from hence to that purpose, to cause all superfluous Cask to be from time to time taken out of his Majesty's Ships coming in to re-victual, securing the same in some convenient Place on shore, so much thereof to be carefully refitted, as the Service shall reasonably call for, and the residue to be from time to time sent into *England* by Staves, in such Ships of his Majesty's as shall happen to be coming homeward; unless your being at any Port, or otherwise Opportunity shall offer itself to you, of selling or employing the same to his Majesty's better Advantage, than by sending them home; which latter Method you are then to take, in disposing of them.

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Lastly, You are in all Matters relating to his Majesty's Service, as well in the receiving, providing, and issuing of Provisions, as in the receiving or payment of any Moneys, whether for Provisions, Stores, short Allowances, or any other Contingences or Charges, to be directed from time to time by Sir *Thomas Allen*, or the Commander in chief of the Fleet, or any part thereof, for the time being, whose Directions for the same in Writing, shall be your sufficient Warrant; and for your faithful and diligent execution hereof, and what farther Instructions you may hereafter receive, either from my self or the said principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, you are to expect such Allowances and Encouragements as have been to any in the like Employment heretofore made. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at St. James's, this 22^d of August, 1670.* J A M E S.

This Draught was brought by Mr. Pepys.

YOU are, with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, together with his Majesty's Ship the *Dragon* (the Commander whereof is hereby required to follow your Orders) to take under your Protection and Convoy, such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, as shall be in the *Downs* ready to sail with you, bound for *Portugal, Spain, Tangier*, or any Ports within the *Mediterranean Sea*; and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather you are to sail with them to *Plymouth*, and there also take under your Convoy such Ships of his Majesty's Subjects bound

bound to any of the Ports aforesaid, as shall be ready to sail within 24 Hours after your Arrival (beyond which time you are not to stay) and then you are to proceed to *Kinsale* in *Ireland*, where being arrived, you are to give notice unto the Merchants in those Parts, that you are sent thither to convoy such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, as are bound from thence unto *Portugal, Spain, Tangier*, or any Ports within the *Mediterranean*: And you are to continue there for the space of eight Days, and such Ships as shall be ready to sail with you in that time, you are likewise to take under your Convoy, and forthwith (Wind and Weather permitting) to sail to the Southward; using your best Endeavours to convoy the Merchant-Ships under your Charge, safe into their respective Ports unto which they shall be bound (as well within as without the *Streights*) as high as *Leghorn*, not staying at any Port, but only see your Convoy safely in as you pass by; unless at *Cadiz*, where you may stay five Days, in case you find any Ships there of his Majesty's Subjects bound up the *Streights*, which will be ready in that time to go along with you.

You are to continue at *Leghorn* ten Days, and then you are to come away to the Westward, and bring under your Convoy such Merchant-Ships as shall be ready to sail with you, bound for *England*, or any Ports in your way; and calling at *Genoa, Alicant, and Malaga*, for such as shall be ready to come from thence (without making any stay for them) you are
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to come with them to *Cadiz*: And in case there, or in your way thither, you shall meet with any Orders from the Commander in Chief in the *Streights*, either for yourself, or the *Dragon*, you are to put the said Orders in execution; otherwise you are only to stay some few days at *Cadiz*, for such Merchant-Ships as shall be there bound for *England*; which taking under your Convoy, you are to return for the *Downs*, and send up notice to my Secretary of your arrival there.

You are, from time to time, as Opportunity shall present, either over Land or by Sea, to correspond with my Secretary, and send him an account of your Proceedings.

The usual Orders forbidding to salute the *French*, and to take on board any Merchants Goods. *Dated at St. James's this 24th of September, 1670.*

JAMES.

To Captain Langston, Captain of his Majesty's Ship New-Castle.

YOU are to take under your Convoy, such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects bound for the *Canaries*, as shall be in the *Downs*, and ready to sail with you, and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, you are to sail with them unto the *Canaries*; and having seen them safe into their Ports, you are with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to ply out at Sea between Point *Negro*,

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Gerachica, or the Island of *Teneriff*, for the Security and Protection of such Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be trading in those Parts: And when any of the Merchant-Ships shall (while they are taking in their Goods) be forced out from *Oratava* or *Gerachica* Roads by contrary Winds, you are to be very diligent and careful in attending on them, and use your best Endeavours to secure them from any attempt that may be made upon them.

You are to continue plying as aforesaid, until the 15th of *December* next; and then you are with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to return for the *Downs*, bringing with you under your Convoy, such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be ready to come away with you; and upon your arrival there, you are to send up notice thereof unto my Secretary.

And whereas I have ordered a Frigate to be sent from the Fleet in the *Streights*, unto *Teneriff*, with Directions to ply in the Station above directed you, until the 20th of *November*, and then to return for *England* with such Merchant-Ships as shall be ready to come away; you are upon meeting with the said Frigate to ply in company with her, or a-part, according as you shall judge may be most advantageous for the Service you are appointed to: And the Commander of the said Frigate is hereby required, after your meeting with him, to follow your Orders while he shall continue in that Station.

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The usual Orders forbidding to salute the *French*, and to take in any Merchants Goods. *Dated at St. James's, the 24th of September, 1670.*

J A M E S.

*To Captain Elliott, Captain of
his Majesty's Ship Reserve.*

YOU are to take under your Charge and Protection, such Ships as have on board them any Provisions or Stores for Supply of his Majesty's Fleet in the *Mediterranean* Sea, or his Majesty's Garrison at *Tangier*, as also all such other Ships of his Majesty's Subjects bound for *Portugal*, *Spain*, or any Ports within the *Mediterranean*, which shall be in the *Downs*, and ready to sail with you; and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, in company of his Majesty's Ship the *Falcon*, the Commander whereof is hereby required to follow your Orders, you are to sail with them to *Plymouth*; where you are also to take under your Convoy, such Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be there ready, bound for any of the Ports aforesaid; but you are not to stay there above twenty-four Hours after your arrival.

You are then to proceed on your Voyage with the Convoys, taking the best care you can for their Security: And you are to see such as are bound to *Portugal*, *Spain*, and *Tangier*, safe into their respective Ports as you pass by, but you are not to go into any of those Ports; which

which having done, you are with the rest of your Convoys to sail to *Malaga* and *Alicant*: And if at either of those Places you find one of his Majesty's Ships sent by Sir *Edward Spragge* to join with you, you are then to leave with the said Ship, such of your Convoys as are bound for *Venice*, or any Ports higher up than *Leghorn*; directing the Commander thereof, to convoy such of them as are bound for any Ports on this side the Gulph of *Venice*, unto their respective Ports, and to see those bound for *Venice* safe within the Gulph; and then call at *Zant*, and the other Ports in his return, for any Convoys that shall be ready to come away, and follow such further Orders as he shall have received from Sir *Edward Spragge*: And yourself and the *Falcon* are to proceed with your Convoys bound for *Leghorn*, or any Port on this side, and see them safe into their respective Ports.

If you shall not meet with any Frigate appointed by Sir *Edward Spragge* to join with you, you are in such case with the Ship under your Command, and the *Falcon*, to proceed as well with the Convoys that are bound to *Venice*, or any Ports beyond *Leghorn*, as the others: And passing through the Phare of *Messina*, you are to convoy such as are bound to any Ports on this side the Gulph of *Venice*, unto their respective Ports, and see those bound for *Venice* safe within the Gulph: And then you are to call at *Zant*, and if there be any Merchant-Ships there bound your way, which

will be ready to sail within ten days, you are to stay for them so long, (otherwise you are not to stay there at all) and return with them to *Leghorn*, calling at *Messina* and *Naples* for any Ships that shall be ready to come from thence.

Upon your coming from *Zant* to *Leghorn*, or upon your arrival there from *England*, in case you shall proceed no higher, you are to continue there 14 days; and such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects homewards bound, as shall be ready to come away in that time, you are to take under your Convoy: And calling in at *Genoa*, *Alicant*, *Malaga*, *Cadiz*, and *Lisbon* for such as be ready to come from any of those Ports, you are to return with them for *England*, and to touch at *Plymouth* to enquire for Orders and Intelligence; and if you find no Orders there to the contrary, you are to come for the *Downs*, and send up notice unto my Secretary of your arrival.

In your Voyage outward bound, you are not to stay at any Port which you shall touch at, above two days; and in your return, you are to make as little stay at any Port as may be: And if upon your coming into any Port, you find that the Merchant-Ships there will not be ready to come away in a few days, you are not to stay for them.

If in your way outward bound, you shall meet with any of the Frigates of Sir *Edward Spragge's* Fleet, you are to put on board them such Seamen as shall be on board you, and the

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the *Falcon*, for Supply of the said Fleet, taking a Receipt for them ; and also deliver into their Charge such Ships under your Convoy, as shall have on board any Stores or Provisions for the said Fleet, to be by them convoyed to *Port-Mahon* : But if you meet with none of the said Fleet, you are then to take care to see the Ships with the Victuals and Stores safe into *Port-Mahon*, as you pass up the *Streights*, and also put on board them the Seamen you have for the Fleet.

The usual Orders forbidding any Merchants Goods, and to salute the *French*.

You are to keep an exact Journal of your Proceedings during the Voyage, of which you are to give a Copy unto my Secretary at your arrival ; and you are to correspond with him by Letters, as often as Opportunity shall present, either over Land or by Sea. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 19th of November, 1670.*

JAMES.

*To Sir William Jennins,
Captain of his Majesty's
Ship Princess.*

WHereas the King my Sovereign Lord and Brother, upon a Memorial presented unto him from the Consul of the Republick of *Genoa*, concerning the Salutes expected from the Captains of his Majesty's Ships, to the City of *Genoa*, was pleased to command this Answer to be made, That his Majesty would give

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Orders to the Captains of his Men of War, to pay all such Salutes to the City of *Genoa*, or any Fortrefs of that Republick, as have been from time to time customarily paid; his Majesty assuring himself at the same time, upon the Honour of the Republick for it, that the said City will on their parts pay towards his Ships, the same Respects in all points that they do, from time to time, pay to the Ships of War of the serene Kings of *France* and *Spain*: And accordingly his Majesty hath by his Order, dated the 15th of *January* last, signified his Pleasure, that I should give Orders therein, unto the Captains of his Majesty's Ships; in pursuance thereof, these are to will and require you, forthwith to give Directions unto the respective Captains of his Majesty's Ships under your Command, to pay all such Salutes to the City of *Genoa*, or any Fortrefs of that Republick, as have been from time to time customarily paid, any former Order to the contrary notwithstanding. For which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 15th of March, 1670.*

JAMES.

*To Sir Edward Spragge, Knight,
Admiral of his Majesty's Fleet,
in the Mediterranean Seas.*

WHEREAS I have thought fit to appoint his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to be one of the Convoys for the *Newfoundland* Fishery, this ensuing Season; you are therefore

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with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, in Company of his Majesty's Ship *Success*, (the Commander whereof is hereby required to follow your Orders) to sail to the Westward, and call at *Plymouth* for any Vessels that shall be bound for *Newfoundland*, where you are not to stay at all; and such Vessels as shall be ready, you are to take under your Convoy, and forthwith, Wind and Weather permitting, to sail for *Newfoundland*, where being arrived, you are to continue during the whole Fishing Season, using your best endeavours for the Security and Protection of such of his Majesty's Subjects as are fishing there, or which shall come to fish there, during your stay in those Parts.

And forasmuch as several Merchants in *London*, trading to *Newfoundland*, have petitioned me, that one of the Convoys may come away from *Newfoundland* on the 30th of *July*, with such Ships as shall be then ready; you are therefore on the said 30th of *July*, to send away the *Success*, with such Convoys as shall then have made their Voyage, according to such Orders as the Commander thereof shall have received from me; and yourself, with the Ship under your Command, are to continue there until the 20th of *September*, or until all the rest of the Ships shall be ready to go thence, and then you are to come away with them; and such of them as shall be bound for *Spain*, or any Ports within the *Streights*, you are to convoy to their several Ports, as high as *Leghorn*, but not to make

any stay at any Port. But when you arrive at *Leghorn*, you are to continue there for twelve or fourteen Days, and such Merchant-Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects homewards bound, as shall within that time be ready to come away with you, you are to take under your Convoy; and calling at *Alicant*, *Malaga*, and *Cadiz*, for such as shall be there, (without making any stay for them) you are to return with them for *England*, and to call at *Plymouth*; and if you find no orders there to the contrary, you are to come with them to the *Downs*, and send up notice of your arrival to my Secretary.

If in your Voyage up the *Streights*, or in your return back towards *England*, you shall meet with any other of his Majesty's Ships bound your way, you are to join with them, for the better Security of the Convoys under your Charge.

Whereas the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, hath been pleased to direct, that none of his Majesty's Ships of War shall expect or require any Salute from any of the Ships belonging to the most Christian King, from the Cape *Finister*, farther on in all those Seas, as well the *Ocean*, as the *Mediterranean*, neither shall they give any Salutes to the said Ships; and likewise, his Majesty hath farther directed, that the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships of War shall pay all such Salutes to the City of *Genoa*, or any Fortrefs of that Republick, as have been from time to time customarily paid: his Majesty

ty assuring himself upon the Honour of the Republick for it, that the said City will on their parts pay towards his Ships, the same Respects in all points, that they do from time to time pay to the Ships of War of the Serene Kings of *France* and *Spain*: You are to take care that his Majesty's aforesaid Directions be punctually observed by you, during the present Voyage, notwithstanding any Orders to the contrary.

The usual Orders, forbidding to take on board Merchants Goods: In pursuance of an Order of his Majesty in Council, dated the 10th of *March*, 1670, you are in this your Voyage to *Newfoundland* to observe the following Directions:

You are to be aiding and assisting unto the Admirals, Vice-Admirals, and Rear-Admirals of the respective Ports and Harbours in *Newfoundland*, from time to time as need shall require, in preserving of Peace and good Government amongst the Fishermen and Seamen there, and in apprehending of Offenders.

You are not to take into the Ships under your Command, or transport unto *Newfoundland*, any Seamen, or other Persons, except such as do truly belong to your own respective Ships.

You are to take an account of the Names, Situations, and Distances of the several Ports, Harbours, Bays, and Islands, in and about *Newfoundland*, between Cape *Race*, and Cape *Bonavista*; and also an account of the Number of Stages, Rooms, Trayne-Fatts, Boats, Ships, and Men, used and employed in the respective

Ports, Harbours, and Bays there, about the Fishing, every Voyage and Season; and you are likewise to take a particular account of the Number of Houses, Planters, and Inhabitants, belonging to *Newfoundland*, and settled in the respective Creeks, Ports, and Harbours there, between Cape *Race* and Cape *Bonavista*, as also of their Ships and Boats, and what Inhabitants live, and what Improvements are made within the Land; by virtue of the Grants or Patents, to the Lords Proprietors: But you are to intend the taking of these Accounts no farther than may consist with his Majesty's Service committed to your care.

You are not to take into your Ships any sort of Fish, either by way of Merchandize, Freight, or otherwise, except what shall be for your own use or spending.

You are at your return into *England*, to deliver Copies of your Journals and Observations upon the Fishery unto my Secretary. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 27th of May, 1671.*

JAMES

*To Captain Davis, Captain
of his Majesty's Ship Mary-
Rose.*

Instructions for Sir EDWARD SPRAGGE.

HIS Majesty being informed that the People of *Algiers* are become desirous of a Peace, and judging it to be for his Service to accept the same, hath thought fit to order, that in

in the Treaty thereof, you observe these following Instructions:

You are in the first place to insist, that the Article in the former Treaties, by which it is provided, that no Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects which shall produce a Pass from the Lord High Admiral of *England*, shall receive any Molestation, or shall be searched or visited with any more than one Boat, with two Sitters, whereof only the two Sitters to come on board, be confirmed without any manner of Alteration, and indispensably observed. But in regard that when Sir *Thomas Allen* was at *Algiers*, just before the last Rupture, that People did insist upon an Explanation of that Article, and desired that it might for the time to come be declared and understood, that no *English* Ship should carry a greater Number of Foreigners, whether Passengers, or of the Ship's Company, than the *English* on board the said Ship do amount to; you may, if you find them still insisting upon it, consent to frame an Article to that purpose; and then you shall assure them in the Name of his Majesty, that no Masters of Ships which have Passes from the Lord High Admiral, shall infringe this Article, by carrying a greater Number of Foreigners than *English*.

You are also to consider all the Instructions formerly given to Sir *Thomas Allen*, (Copies whereof are already with you) and you are hereby empowered to consent to any Article therein mentioned, in favour of those of *Algiers*:

And for the other Articles, requiring Satisfaction, either by the Restitution of Goods, or Captives, or Punishment of the first Infringers of the Peace; you are to insist upon them all as far as conveniently can be done, without rendering ineffectual your Treaty with them, and hindering the Peace which his Majesty is willing should be concluded with them. But in regard, it is impossible at this Distance to know in what Condition of Affairs this will find you, or what Success you have had since your last going over to *Algiers*; the managing this part of it is left to your own Discretion, which I doubt not will give you to make the best Advantages you can in concluding a Peace for the Honour of the King, and Good of the *English* Nation.

If upon your next going to *Algiers*, they do not come to voluntary Proposals of the Treaty with you, and that you know not any more advantageous ways of introducing the same: It is thought fit here, that you should make use of those that are going from hence to *Algiers*, about the Redemption of Captives, who have, in order thereto, Instructions to attend you, and to receive from you such Orders as you shall think proper in the case, that by their means the Treaty may be set on float. *Given under my Hand at Windsor, the 6th of June, 1671.*

JAMES.

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YOU are with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, together with his Majesty's Ships, the *Algiers* and *Holmes*, (the Commanders whereof are hereby commanded to obey your Orders) forthwith, Wind and Weather permitting, to sail to the Westward, and call at *Plymouth*, but not go in there for any Merchant-Ships that shall be there, bound to the Southward; and such as shall come out to you in twenty-four Hours, (beyond which you are not to stay) you are to take under your Convoy, and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to proceed with them for the Coast of *Portugal*; and ranging all along that Coast, as near as conveniently you may, you are to see your Convoys safe into their respective Ports, as far as *Tangier*: which having done, you are with the Ships under your Command, to ply between the North Cape, and *Massagam*, on the *Barbary* Shore, altering your Stations, and disposing your Ships under your Command, from time to time, within those Limits, according as you shall be guided by your Intelligence, and as you shall judge may best further the Service on which you are sent, which is the Security of the King's Subjects, trading in those Parts, and the suppressing of the Pirates of *Salley*; and upon your meeting with any Ships belonging to *Salley*, or any other place in Hostility with his Majesty, you are to use

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your best endeavours to take, sink, or otherwise destroy them.

If you shall have information that there are any *Algiers* Men of War come out of the *Streights*, you are to take care to keep your Squadron together, lest being separated, the smaller Ships happen to meet with the Enemy and be over-powered.

If you meet with any Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects, either outward or homeward bound, you are to give them Convoy within the Limits of your Station.

You are, so soon as you shall have Opportunity, to put into some convenient Port abroad, and there clean his Majesty's Ships under your Command, whereby they may be in better condition to pursue, and do Service upon the Enemy.

In regard, it will not be convenient to continue, so great a Ship as the *Diamond*, on the *Barbary* Coast, in the Winter Season; you are therefore to continue on this Service no longer than the beginning of *November*, and then you are to return for *England*, calling at *Cadiz*, (and if you find occasion for it) at *Lisbon* for such Merchant-Ships as shall be coming home from thence; and you are to touch at *Plymouth*, and in case you find no orders there to the contrary, you are to come for the *Downs*, and send up notice of your arrival.

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Notwithstanding you are before directed to continue until the beginning of *November*, you are left at liberty (if you find occasion for it) to return towards *England* about the middle of *October*.

If you shall judge that the *Algiers* and *Holmes* may probably do Service upon the Enemy, after the coming away of the *Diamond*; you are then to leave them behind you, giving them such Orders as shall be fitting for the Service, and directing them to keep company together, and to return towards *England* about the latter end of *November*.

You are to keep a Journal of the Proceedings, and deliver a Copy thereof unto my Secretary at your return; and you are to correspond with him during the Voyage, upon all Opportunities. The usual Orders concerning saluting the *French*, and forbidding taking on board Merchant Goods. *Dated at St. James's, the 5th of August, 1671.*

JAMES,

*To Captain Holmes, Captain of
his Majesty's Ship Diamond.*

WHereas his Majesty, by Letters Patents, bearing date the 2^d of July, in the 19th Year of his Majesty's Reign, did grant unto *Arthur* Earl of *Anglesey*, the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy during his Life, and the House at *Deptford* in *Kent* during his Exercise of the said Office, together with the Annuity of 100 *l. per Annum*, the Fees of 3 *d.*
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in the Pound, and other the Premisses therein mentioned: And by his Majesty's other Letters Patents, bearing date the 2^d Day of *November*, in the 20th Year of his Majesty's Reign, thought fit to suspend and discharge the said Earl from any farther Exercise of the said Place or Office, during his Majesty's Pleasure: And by his Majesty's other Letters Patents, bearing date the * * * Day of * * * * in the 20th Year of his Majesty's Reign, did command Sir *Thomas Osborn*, and Sir *Thomas Littleton*, Baronets, to exercise the same Place during his Majesty's Pleasure, as by the said several Letters Patents appears: And whereas his Majesty hath thought fit to determine the joint Exercise of the said Office by two Persons, and to employ only one Person in the Management and Exercise thereof, yet so as that this Determination shall not amount to a Revocation of the Suspension of the said Earl, which his Majesty intends shall still continue; his Majesty's Will and Pleasure therefore is, that you prepare a Bill fit for his Majesty's Royal Signature, and to pass the Great Seal of *England*, containing his Majesty's Directions and Command unto the said Sir *Thomas Osborn*, alone to exercise the said Office, and use the said Messuage, during his Majesty's Pleasure: Farther granting unto him for his Care and Pains therein, the yearly Pension of two thousand Pounds, to be issuing out of the Treasure remaining in his hands, and to be paid by himself quarterly, at the four most usual Feasts in
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the Year, by equal Portions; the first Payment to begin, and to be made upon the Feast of *St. Michael* next ensuing : And moreover, his Majesty is pleased, in Consideration of the many acceptable Services to him performed, by Sir *Thomas Osborn*, the said Office of Treasurer of the Navy, and the said Messuage at *Deptford*, to have and to hold to the said Sir *Thomas Osborn*, immediately from and after the Death, Surrender, Forfeiture, or other sooner Determination, of the Estate and Interest of the said Earl of *Anglesey* therein, for and during his Majesty's Pleasure, with the like Annuity or Pension of 2000 *l. per Annum*, to be issuing out of the Treasure in his hands, and to be paid by himself quarterly, at the four Feasts, the first Payment to begin at such of those Feasts, which shall first happen next after the Death, Surrender, Forfeiture, or sooner Determination of the Interest of the said Earl in the Premises.

And this Pension of 2000 *l. per Annum* is to be in full Satisfaction of the Three-pences in the Pound, usually received by the Treasurer of the Navy ; (which Fee from thenceforth is to cease) and in lieu of all other Fees, Profits, Perquisites, and Sallaries whatsoever, accustomed to be taken by any former Treasurer of the Navy : And you are to insert such other beneficial Clauses and Non-obstances, as may make his Majesty's Will and Pleasure most effectual ; and you are in the said Bill to insert a Clause, (being in pursuance of his Majesty's

jeſty's Directions given me, by his Order in Council, dated the 6th Inſtant) for the Obſervation of the new Inſtructions to the Treafurer of his Maſteſty's Navy, hereunto annexed; together with the like Obſervation of all other Inſtructions, formerly given by me to the ſaid Treafurer, ſo far as they are not repugnant to, or diſagreeing with any of theſe new Inſtructions, injoined to the ſaid Treafurer, by his Maſteſty's aforeſaid Order in Council. And for ſo doing, this ſhall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at St. James's, this 24th of September, 1671.*

JAMES.

To Sir Henry Finch, his Maſteſty's Attorney-General.

Inſtructions for Sir EDWARD SPRAGGE,

WHereas his Maſteſty, by his Order in Council of the 15th of *September*, hath been pleaſed to direct me to ſend you the ſeveral Inſtructions following; *viz.*

That as to the Reſtitution of Goods, you purſue your former Inſtructions, to have Reſtitution of them, if it may be; but conſidering that they have been diſperſed and paſſed into many hands; if that cannot be obtained, to proceed nevertheleſs in the Peace.

As to the Redemption of Captives, that you continue to keep the Redemption-Money by you, till you ſee the Succeſs of the Peace; by which means they will come to be redeemed

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at the Price they were first fold for, and so at the Rate they would cost, if they proceed to redeem them now before a Peace.

As to Contraband Goods, the Merchants must look to themselves, and run the hazard; but you are not to allow Convoy to any Merchant-Men carrying Contraband Goods.

Upon the whole, you are absolutely to make a Peace, and on the best Terms you can; but still absolutely to make a Peace.

These are to will and require you to take care punctually to observe his Majesty's said Directions.

When you shall have concluded a Peace with *Algiers*, or in case you shall find it impossible to bring them to accept of a Peace, upon those Terms which you are empowered to consent to, you are to dispose of his Majesty's Fleet under your Command for returning to *England*, and forthwith to send away a couple of Frigats to call at the several Ports on the Coast of *Spain*; for the Fruit-Ships, and first Wind-Ships that shall be ready and bound for *England*, whom they are to convoy to the *Downs*, and yourself, with the rest of the Fleet, are also to return to the *Downs* as soon as conveniently you can, for easing his Majesty's Charge; calling at, and sending into such Ports in *Spain* and *Portugal*, as you shall think fitting for any Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects that shall be homewards bound.

If you shall find it necessary to leave any Ships behind you in the *Streights*, either for

convoying home any Merchant-Ships, or upon any other Service which cannot here be foreseen; you are to leave the *Dreadnought*, Sir *John Chicheley* Commander, for one of them, and such other as you shall think fitting. Given under my Hand, at St. James's, this 20th of September, 1671.

JAMES.

WHEREAS the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, hath been pleased by his Orders, dated the 5th of *March* instant, to direct me to give Orders unto his Majesty's Ships, to seize and make stay of all such Ships and Vessels belonging to the *States-General* of the *United-Provinces*, or their Subjects, as they shall meet with, and them to bring into Port, and in safe Custody keep and retain until his Majesty's farther Order; and such of them as shall make Resistance, to fight, sink, burn, or otherwise destroy; only his Majesty's Pleasure is, That the Commanders and Captains of his Majesty's Ships presume not in any wise to touch or meddle with the Lading, or whatsoever shall be on board any of the said Vessels so seized and brought into Port, whether in Hold or between Decks, and in the Cabin, even though such Ship or Vessel should have made Resistance in such their Stay or Seizure of them; his Majesty's Intention herein being for the present only to make a Detention thereof, without any Violence, more than what they shall unavoidably pull upon themselves, and so to remain in

in safe Custody until farther Order: And therefore his Majesty's Pleasure is, That you give order, that the Officers and Ships Companies of the Vessels so stayed and detained, be treated with all Fairness and Humanity. In pursuance of his Majesty's said Order, these are to will and require you, with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to put to Sea with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, together with all such other of his Majesty's Ships of the 3^d, 4th, 5th, and 6th Rates as are now at *Portsmouth*, and in Condition for the Sea, (the respective Commanders whereof, are hereby required to obey your Orders) and to ply in the Channel, and punctually put in execution his Majesty's Orders above-mentioned; taking care, that if the Wind come Easterly, you be not put to Leeward of the Isle of *Wight*.

Such *Dutch* Ships as you shall seize in pursuance hereof, you are to send into the next convenient Port, and there leave them in the hands of the Officers of his Majesty's Customs, until some other Persons shall be appointed to take care of them, causing the said Ships to be inventoried, and the said Officers Receipts taken for the same.

You are to be very careful to keep the small Frigats constantly upon the Scout, to the end you may have timely notice of the approach of any *Dutch* Ships: And you are once in five or six Days to send into *St. Hellens* to enquire for farther Orders. And for so doing, this

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JAMES.

*To Sir Robert Holmes,
Knight, Captain of
his Majesty's Ship St.
Michael.*

WHereas by my Instructions dated yesterday (in pursuance of his Majesty's Commands to me in that Particular) and sent to you last Night by an Express, I directed you to make stay of, and seize all *Dutch* Ships and Vessels belonging to the *States-General* of the *United-Provinces*,* and their Subjects, according to the Directions mentioned in the said Instructions: These are, pursuant to his Majesty's farther Pleasure, signified to me in that behalf, to will, authorize, and require you to cause the said Instructions, and every Particular thereof, to be put in execution, as to the seizing and making stay of all Ships and Vessels of, or belonging to the State of *Hamborough*, and their Subjects. *Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, this 6th of March, 1671.*

JAMES.

*To Captain Langston,
Captain of his Ma-
jesty's Ship Newcastle.*

* The THIRD Dutch War.

Instructions for the Duke of Richmond, or in his Absence, to any of his Commanders.

WHereas his Majesty's Ships the *Speedwell* and *Lenox* are fitted out to Sea, to be employed upon the Coast of *Scotland*, and thereabouts, for annoying his Majesty's Enemies; you are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time, to order and dispose of the said Ships in such manner as you shall judge most advantageous for his Majesty's Service: And you are to give them Orders for the taking, seizing, and bringing into Port, and in case of Resistance, to fight with, sink, burn, or otherwise destroy all such Ships and Vessels belonging to his Majesty's Enemies, as they shall meet with; and the respective Commanders, Officers, and Seamen belonging to the said Ships, are hereby required punctually to observe and obey such Orders as they shall receive from you; and in case of the Death, Disability, Neglect, or other Failure of any of the said Commanders, Officers, and Seamen, you are hereby required and empowered to dismiss them from their Employments, and to commissionate and appoint other sufficient Persons in their rooms.

Upon the taking of any Prizes from his Majesty's Enemies, you are to cause them to be proceeded against in the High-Court of Admiralty of *Scotland*, and upon their Condemnation there, you are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of them to the best ad-

vantage, and to convert the Produce thereof unto your own proper Use and Benefit, without any Account to be given of the same, to any other of his Majesty's Subjects, of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, of what Quality soever, his Majesty's Pleasure being so signified unto me; reserving only one full tenth part of all such Ships and Goods as shall be so taken and condemned unto my Use; which you are to cause to be put into the hands of the Persons appointed by me to receive the same. *Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, this 21st of March, 1671.*

JAMES.

WHereas the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury have found it expedient, in order to the better bringing in of his Majesty's Revenue of Excise, to grant Protections for securing the Servants of several Brewers in and about the City of *London*, from being impressed into his Majesty's Service at Sea: These are therefore to will and require all Captains and Commanders of his Majesty's Ships, and all others whomsoever, who shall be empowered and employed to impress for his Majesty's Fleet, that they forbear impressing into his Majesty's Service any of the Persons who have or shall have Protections from the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury as aforesaid; whereof they are in no wise to fail. *Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, this 30th of March, 1672.*

JAMES.
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FOR the better Dispatch in fitting out his Majesty's Fleet, and for answering any Occasions of Service that may present, I think fit to direct, That one of the Flag-Officers of the Fleet (the Captain of the Admiral Ship to be accounted a Flag-Officer) be always present with that part of his Majesty's Fleet which lies about *Sheerness*, and that they do relieve one another by turns.

The Boats and Pinnaces appointed for the Guard of *Medway* being ordered down to *Sheerness*, the Flag-Officer upon the Place is, upon their arrival, to cause them to be distributed to such of his Majesty's Ships as he shall think fitting, and where they may be in most readiness for Service; and they are to be manned out of the Ships Companies unto which they are ordered.

Upon notice of the approach of any of the Enemies Ships towards the River, the Flag-Officer is immediately to send up Advice thereof hither, and to use the best Care and Diligence that may be for the Safety of his Majesty's Fleet.

No Flag-Officer is to come away until another shall come down to relieve him; and upon his coming away, he is to leave these Orders with his Successor. *Given under my Hand,*
at Whitehall, *this 28th of March, 1672.*

JAMES,

*To the Flag-Officers
which shall be with
his Majesty's Fleet.*

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IN pursuance of an Order of his Majesty in Council, dated the 12th of *April* instant, These are to will and require you forthwith to give Order unto all the Commanders of his Majesty's Fleet, that they discharge and dismiss all such *Scotchmen* as are imprest into any of their Ships, from any of the *Scotch* Ships here under named which have my Protections, notwithstanding his Majesty's late Proclamation to the contrary, viz. the *David* of *Burntisland*, *Patrick Angus* Master; the *Good Hope* of *Leith*, *Andrew Allan* Master; the *Margaret* of *Baronstonefs*, *Archibald Steward* Master; the *Hopeful Margaret* of *Leith*, *James Law* Master; the *John* of *Leith*, *John Giles* Master; the *Alexander* of *Prestonpans*, *Adam Maddell* Master; the *Sarah* of *Kirkcaldy*, *David Hutchinson* Master; the *George* of *Burntisland*, *Robert Angus* Master; the *John* of *Prestonpans*, *Robert Jolly* Master; and the *Christian Coridon*, *Bernard Rust* Master. And you are also to order the several Commanders of the Fleet, and all Officers employed to imprest, that for the future they do not press any *Scotch* Seamen or Mariners whatsoever, serving upon *Scotch* Ships or Vessels, and trading to any Port in *England*: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, this 15th of April, 1672.

JAMES.

To Sir Edward Spragge, or to
the Commanders in Chief
with his Majesty's Fleet.

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WHereas the Comptroller of his Majesty's Navy, who is now attending the Fleet, cannot (in regard his Presence is necessary in several Places for hastening the refitting of the Fleet) be always present at the Pay of the Ships appointed to be paid: To the end no Delay may be in paying off the Ships, I think fitting hereby to direct, that you proceed to the Payment of such Ships as shall be directed to be paid, in the usual manner, notwithstanding that the said Comptroller, or any other of the principal Officers or Commissioners of the Navy shall not be at leisure to attend the same; for which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand, on board the Prince, this 13th of June, 1672.*

JAMES.

*To the Pay-master of
his Majesty's Navy.*

WHereas I am informed from the Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance, that there may be spared out of his Majesty's Stores in the River, unto the Count *D'Estrées*, Bullets of twenty-four Pounders 4000, of eighteen Pounders 10000, of twelve Pounders 10000, and of eight Pounders 5000: These are to will and require you forthwith to deliver unto such Persons as the Count *D'Estrées* shall appoint to receive them, the several Quantities of Bullets hereafter mentioned, which he desires to be furnished with, *viz.* 3029 twenty-four Pounders, 9243 eighteen Pounders, 5008 twelve Pounders, and

1693 eight Pounds; he paying the usual Rates for them: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand, on board the Prince, this 24th of June, 1672.*

JAMES.

*To Sir Thomas Chicheley,
Knight, Master of his
Majesty's Ordnance.*

JAMES *Duke of York and Albany, Earl of Ulster, Lord High-Admiral of England and Ireland, Constable of Dover-Castle, Lord-Warden of the Cinque-Ports, and Governour of Portsmouth.*

WHereas I have received good Testimony of your Abilities and Fitness to serve as Master of his Majesty's Ship the *Cambridge*, in her present Voyage: These are to authorize and require you, forthwith to repair on board the said Ship *Cambridge*, and take charge of her as Master accordingly, officiating in all things proper to the Duty of your Place, as becometh you; hereby willing and requiring all inferior Officers and Seamen belonging to the said Ship, to observe your Directions in the full and due execution of this your Office, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils: And yourself also to observe, and be obedient unto such Commands, as you shall from time to time receive from your Captain, or other superior Officer in his Absence. And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given un-*

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der my Hand aboard the Prince, this 10th of June, 1672.

JAMES.

To Edward Wye, hereby appointed Master of his Majesty's Ship Cambridge.

WHereas my Sovereign Lord and Brother, King *Charles* the Second, did by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, dated on or about the 29th of *January*, in the 12th Year of his Majesty's Reign, grant unto me the Office of Lord High-Admiral of *England, Ireland, and Wales*, and of the Dominions and Islands of the same, and of his Town of *Calais*, and Marches of the same, and of *Normandy, Gascoign, Aquitain*; together with the Office of Captain-General of the Navies and Seas of his said Kingdoms of *England and Ireland*, and of the Dominions and Islands of the same, for my Life; with Power and Authority also (amongst divers other Jurifdictions, Authorities, Liberties, Powers, Preheminencies, and Privileges therein mentioned) for me, from time to time, as need should require, to make, ordain, and constitute a Vice-Admiral or Vice-Admirals, Lieutenant or Lieutenants under me, meet for the said Office, for the term of Life, of such Officer or Officers, or at the Will and Pleasure of me: And whereas my most dear and entirely beloved Cousin, Prince *Rupert*, Duke of *Cumberland*, and Count *Palatine* of the *Rhine*, Duke of *Bavaria*, is

a Prince very eminent for his Vertue, Valour, and other Abilities in Martial Affairs, both by Land and Sea, and every way qualified for the Discharge of the Office of Vice-Admiralty and Lieutenancy of the Navy and Seas under me : These are therefore to authorize you, and to will and require you, or either of you, to prepare for my Signature, one Deed or Writing, containing therein my Constitution, Deputation and Grant unto the said Prince *Rupert*, of the said Office and Place of Vice-Admiral, and the Office of Lieutenant of the Admiralty of *England*, as also the Lieutenancy of the Navies and Seas of his said Majesty's Kingdom of *England*; together also, with all and singular such like Jurisdictions, Authorities, Powers, Fees, Commodities, Profits, Wages, Emoluments, Rewards, Advantages, Preheminencies, and Privileges whatsoever, to the said Office of Vice-Admiral of *England*, and other the Places and Dominions aforesaid, belonging and appertaining, in as large and ample manner, as either the late *Edward* Earl of *Sandwich*, or Sir *Robert Mansel*, Knight, or Sir *Richard Levison*, Knight, or any other Vice-Admiral or Lieutenant-Admiral heretofore ever had, or enjoyed the same; together with full Power and Authority in the said Grant to be inserted, for the said Prince *Rupert* under me, to order, govern, and direct the said Navies, and all and every the Masters, Soldiers, Gunners, and other Officers to the same belonging, to take and retain all and every Masters, Soldiers, Mariners,

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Gunners, and other Person or Persons whatsoever, to be used in the said Navy and Seas as aforesaid, as Occasion shall require, or Commandment shall be given by his said Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or by me the said Lord High-Admiral, or the Lord High-Admiral for the time being; and them to remove as occasion shall require, at Liberty and Pleasure (under me) of the said Prince *Rupert*, and all and every other thing and things which may concern the Government of the said Navies and Seas; and to do and accomplish from time to time, as amply and effectually under me, as Vice-Admiral of the Navies and Seas, as if I were personally present; and with all such other Clauses therein to be inserted, as may make the said Grant to the said Prince *Rupert*, to be most effectual and advantageous to him, in all and every the Premises: And therein also to insert, that the said Prince is to have the said Office and Place of Vice-Admiral for the term of the natural Life of the said Prince *Rupert*, in such sort and manner, as either the said Earl of *Sandwich*, Sir *Robert Mansell*, Sir *Richard Levison*, or any other Vice-Admiral heretofore ever held and enjoyed the same; together also with the Wages and Fee of 20 s. *per Diem*, and also Wages and Allowance for 16 Men, at the rate of ten Shillings a-piece by the Month, accompting eight and twenty days to the Month, to be received at and by the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy for the time being, at the four most usual Feasts
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of the Year, by equal Portions: And also with all and every other Fees, Commodities, Emoluments and Advantages whatsoever, to the said Office or Place of Vice-Admiral belonging or appertaining, or therewithal at any time used or enjoyed. And for your so doing, this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

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*To Sir Edward Thurland, Knight,
and my Attorney-General, or to
Sir Francis Goodrick, Knight, my
Solicitor-General.*

J A M E S *Duke of York and Albany, Earl of
Ulster, Lord High-Admiral of England
and Ireland, Constable of Dover-Castle, Lord-
Warden of the Cinque-Ports, and Governor
of Portsmouth, &c.*

TO all to whom these Presents shall come, sends Greeting. Whereas my Sovereign Lord and Brother, King *Charles* the Second, did by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, dated on or about the 29th Day of *January*, in the 12th Year of his Majesty's Reign, grant unto me the Office of Lord High-Admiral of *England*, and *Ireland*, and *Wales*, and of the Dominions and Islands of the same, and of his Town of *Calais*, and Marches of the same, and of *Normandy*, *Gascoign*, and *Aquitain*; together with the Office of Captain-General of the Navies and Seas of the said Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, and

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of the Dominions and Islands of the same, for my Life, with Power and Authority also, (amongst divers other Jurisdictions, Authorities, Liberties, Powers, Preheminencies, and Privileges therein mentioned) from time to time, as need should require, to make, ordain, and constitute a Vice-Admiral or Vice-Admirals, Lieutenant or Lieutenants under me, meet for the said Office, for the term of Life of such Officer or Officers, or at the Will and Pleasure of me, as by the said Letters Patents, relation being thereunto had, more at large doth and may appear. And whereas my most dear and entirely beloved Cousin, Prince *Rupert*, Prince *Palatine* of the *Rhine*, Duke of *Bavaria* and *Cumberland*, being a Prince very eminent for his Vertue, Valour, and all other Abilities in Martial Affairs, both by Land and Sea, and every way qualified for the Discharge of the Office of Vice-Admiralty, and Lieutenancy of the Navy and Seas under me: In Consideration whereof, and also of the great Love and Affection which I have for my dear and entirely beloved Cousin Prince *Rupert*, now know ye, that I *James* Duke of *York* have constituted, ordained, and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute, ordain, and appoint the said Prince *Rupert* Vice-Admiral of *England*; hereby granting unto the said Prince *Rupert*, the said Office and Place of Vice-Admiral, and the Office and Place of Lieutenant of the Admiralty of *England*, as also the Lieutenancy of the Navies and Seas of his Majesty's Kingdom

of *England*; together also with all and singular such Jurisdictions, Authorities, Powers, Fees, Profits, Wages, Emoluments, Rewards, Advantages, Commodities, Preheminencies, and Privileges whatsoever, to the said Office of Vice-Admiral of *England*, and other the Places and Dominions aforesaid, belonging and appertaining, in as large and ample manner, as either the late Right Honourable the Earl of *Sandwich* deceased, Sir *Robert Mansell*, Knight, Sir *Richard Levison*, Knight, or any other Vice-Admiral or Lieutenant-Admiral heretofore ever had or enjoyed the same; together with full Power and Authority for the said Prince *Rupert*, under me to order, govern, and direct the said Navies, and all and every Masters, Soldiers, Gunners, and other Officers to the same belonging; and to take and retain all and every Masters, Soldiers, Gunners, Mariners, and other Person or Persons whatsoever, to be used in the said Navies and Seas as aforesaid, under me, as Occasion shall require, or Commandment be given by his said Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, or by me the said Lord High-Admiral, or the Lord High-Admiral for the time being, and them to remove as occasion shall require, at the Liberty and Pleasure (under me) of the said Prince *Rupert*; and all and every thing and things which may concern the Government of the said Navies and Seas, to do and accomplish from time to time, under me, as Vice-Admiral of the Navies and Seas; to have and to hold, exercise, and enjoy the said

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saïd Office and Place of Vice-Admiral of *England*, together with all and every other Powers, Rights, Privileges, Profits, Advantages, Commodities to the same belonging, incident or appertaining, unto the saïd Prince *Rupert*, for and during the term of his natural Life, in as ample manner as either the saïd Earl of *Sandwich*, Sir *Robert Mansell*, Sir *Richard Levison*, or any other Vice-Admiral heretofore ever had and enjoyed the same: Together also with the Wages and Fees of 20 s. by the Day, and also Wages and Allowance for sixteen Men, at the rate of ten Shillings a-piece by the Month, accompting 28 Days to the Month, to be received at and from the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy for the time being, at the four most usual Feasts or Terms in the Year; (that is to say) the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel, the Birth of our Lord *Christ*, the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, and the Nativity of *St. John Baptist*, by even and equal Portions; the first Payment to be and begin at the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel next ensuing the Date hereof: And also all and every other Fees, Commodities, Emoluments, and Advantages whatsoever, to the saïd Office and Place of Vice-Admiral, belonging or appertaining, or therewith at any time used or enjoyed. *In witness whereof, I the saïd James Duke of York have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the 16th Day of July, in the 24th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of*
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JAMES.

YOU are with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, in company of his Majesty's Ship *Guernsey*, *Portsmouth*, and the *Samuel* and *Anne* Fireship; (the Commanders whereof are hereby required to obey your Orders) to sail to *Owesley-Bay*, and send the *Guernsey* into the Rowling-Grounds, to bring to you from thence the four *Hull* Ships bound for *Hamborough*, whom you are to take under your Convoy, and see them safe into the River *Elbe*, as high as *Rose-Beacon*; where you are to anchor with them, and send up to Sir *William Swan* his Majesty's Resident at *Hamborough*, at your arrival there, and to be informed of him, if there be any *Dutch* Men of War in the River. If you receive Intelligence that there are, you are then with the Ships under your Command, to sail with the Merchant Men up the River, till you come where the *Dutch*-Men of War ride, and there you are to anchor, or lie short of them, as you shall see convenient, and then send away the Merchant-Ships through them, under the Convoy of the *Guernsey*: And if you find that any of the *Dutch* Men of War do oppose their Passage through them up the River, you are then to fall upon them, and to endeavour to sink, burn, take, or otherwise destroy them; but

but in case you find, that they suffer the *Guernsey* and Merchant-men to pass quietly, you are then to use no Violence towards them: And after you have certain Intelligence that the *Guernsey* and Merchant-men are safe up the River, you are with the *Portsmouth* and Fireship, to make the best of your way to the *Buoy* of the *Nore*; directing the *Guernsey*, after he has seen the Merchant-Ships out of danger past the *Dutch*, to take the first safe Opportunity to come likewise to the *Buoy* of the *Nore*. If you find that there are no *Dutch* Men of War in the River *Elbe*, you are then to see the Merchant-men no farther than *Rose-Beacon*, and from thence to come with all his Majesty's Ships under your Command, directly for the *Buoy* of the *Nore*. *Given under my Hand on board the Prince, this 3^d of September, 1672.*

JAMES.

*To Captain White, Captain of
his Majesty's Ship Antelope.*

WHereas the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, upon Consideration of the present Season of the Year, (which will not admit of any farther Service to be performed with the whole Fleet) hath been pleased to direct, that the Squadron of Ships under your Command, belonging to his most Christian Majesty, should return home as soon as may be; to the end they may be timely refitted, and in a Condition to join again with his Majesty's
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Fleet early in the next Spring: These are in pursuance of his Majesty's said Directions, to authorize and require you, with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to separate the Squadron of Ships under your Command, from his Majesty's Fleet, and return with them into *France*. And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal on board the Prince, this 16th of September, 1672.*

JAMES.

To the Count D'Estrées.

YOU are with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, to put to Sea with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, and to make the best of your way unto the *Streights* Mouth, whereabouts, or at *Tangier*, you will find his Majesty's Ship *Nonsuch*, with whom you are to join; (the Commander whereof is hereby required to follow your Orders) and in company of her you are to cruize between the *South* Cape, and the *Streights* Mouth, for the Security of such Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, as shall be returning from *Newfoundland*, using your best Care and Diligence to meet with the said Ships; and upon your meeting with them, you are to join with the Convoy already with them, (the Commander whereof is likewise hereby required to follow your Orders) and proceed with the said Ships up into the *Streights*, (leaving the *Nonsuch* about *Tangier* as you pass by) giving them
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convoy into their respective Ports, as high as *Leghorn*, as also any other Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, that you shall meet with bound that way.

When you shall be arrived at *Leghorn*, you are to continue there for the space of eight Days, and such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, bound homeward, as shall be ready to come away in that time, you are to take under your Convoy; and (calling at *Genoua*, *Alicant*, *Malaga*, *Tangier*, and *Cadiz*, or such of those Ports where you shall understand any Ships to be bound for *England*, without making any stay for them) you are to return with them to *England*, and call in at *Plymouth*, and if you meet no Orders there to the contrary, you are to come to the *Downs*, and send up notice unto my Secretary of your arrival.

In case either in your Voyage up the *Streights*, or in your Return, you shall meet with any other of his Majesty's Ships bound your way, you are to join with them for the better Security of your Convoys.

JAMES.

WHEREAS the King, my Sovereign Lord and Brother, hath been pleased to direct, that none of his Majesty's Ships of War shall expect or require, at this time, any Salutes from any of the Ships belonging to the most *Christian* King, neither shall they give any Salutes to the said Ships: And likewise,

his Majesty hath farther directed, that the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships of War shall pay all such Salutes to the City of *Genoua*, or any Fortrefs of that Republick, as have been from time to time accustomarily paid: His Majesty assuring himself upon the Honour of the Republick for it, that the said City will pay on their parts towards his Ships, the same Respects in all points that they do, from time to time, pay to the Ships of War of the most *Christian* and *Catholick* Kings: You are to take care, that his Majesty's aforesaid Directions be punctually observed by you during the present Voyage, notwithstanding any former Orders to the contrary.

And whereas his Majesty, by his Order in Council, dated the 23^d of *April*, 1669, hath been pleased to order and declare, that no Captain or Officer of any of his Majesty's Ships, shall upon any pretence whatsoever, take in, or carry on board any of his Majesty's Ships, any sort or kind of Goods or Merchandizes, (Gold and Silver only excepted) you are to take care that his Majesty's said Orders be strictly and punctually observed by yourself, and all others under your Command, as you will answer the breach thereof at your utmost Peril.

You are during the Voyage, to keep an exact Journal of your Proceedings, and to give a Copy thereof to my Secretary at your return; and you are also, from time to time, as you have Opportunity, either over Land or by Sea,

Sea, to give him an account of your Proceedings in the Voyage.

When you shall meet with any Ships belonging to the most *Christian* King, or his Subjects, that are bound your way, and desire to go along with you, you are to give them convoy as far as your way shall lie together, without making any stay for them, and to use the same care to secure and defend them from the Enemy, as if they were the Ships of the King's own Subjects: And upon your meeting of any Ships of War of the most Christian King, bound your way, you are to join with them, (if they are desirous of it) and shall sail when you do, and keep them company while your way shall lie together, advising with them of the best Ways and Means for securing such Convoys as you or they shall have the Charge of. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 30th of September, 1672.*

JAMES.

*To Captain Harman, Captain
of his Majesty's Ship the
Tyger.*

WHereas I judge it necessary for his Majesty's Service, that some Person be appointed at *Plymouth*, who may inspect the Dispatch of such of his Majesty's Ships as shall be appointed for the Western Station: And being well assured of your readiness upon all occasions to promote the King's Service, I do therefore hereby authorize and impower you,
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from time to time, as any of his Majesty's Ships that are, or shall be appointed to the Western Station, shall upon any occasion come into Port at *Plymouth*, or thereabouts, that you take the best care you can to hasten them again out to Sea, that they may not lie in Port unnecessarily; and you are from time to time to correspond with my Secretary, and give him an account of the coming into, and going out of Port of any of his Majesty's Ships of the said Station, and of any Neglects or Failures in the Commanders of them: And you are also hereby empowered to order any of the said Ships upon Convoy, within the Limits of their respective Stations, according as there shall be occasion. And I do hereby charge and require the respective Commanders of his Majesty's Ships on the Western Station, from time to time, to observe such Orders as you shall give them accordingly. And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand and Seal at Whitehall, this 9th of November,*
1672. JAMES.

*To Sir John Skelton, Deputy-
Governor of Plymouth.*

JAMES Duke of York and Albany, &c.
*to Captain THOMAS ANDREWS, Captain
of the Ship Cæsar.*

WHEREAS the Governor and Company of Merchants of *London*, trading to the *East-Indies*, have entertained you to serve them

them in the said Ship, for a Voyage to be performed to the *East-Indies*, and have made their Addresses for a Commission to be granted you, in this time of War with the *Dutch*: These are therefore to will and require you, forthwith to repair on board the said Ship, and take the Charge and Command of her as Captain accordingly; hereby willing and commanding all the Officers and Seamen belonging to the said Ship, jointly and severally in their Employments, to behave themselves with all due Respect and Obedience to you their said Captain: And you are likewise to follow such Orders and Directions as you shall receive from myself, or the said Governor and Company, and your superior Officers in the present Voyage. Hereof you nor any of you may fail, as you will answer the contrary at your Perils: And you are hereby required to secure the Tenths of such *Dutch* Ships, Goods, and Merchandizes, as by virtue of this Commission you shall surprize, take, and seize on in this present Voyage, to and from the *East-Indies*; and hereof to render me a true account. *Given under my Hand and Seal at Whitehall, this 29th of November, 1672.* JAMES.

Instructions for the Smyrna Convoy, sent inclosed to Captain NARBOROUGH.

YOU are with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to sail in company of his Majesty's Ships bound to the *Streights*,
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until you come within the *Streights* Mouth, from whence you are directly to make the best of your way to the Eastward, in Company of his Majesty's Ship the * * * * (the Commander whereof is hereby required to follow your Orders) as far as your way shall lie together, taking along with you such Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as are bound to *Smyrna* or *Scanderoon*, with whom you are to proceed, without staying any where, taking care to use all manner of Diligence for their safe Convoy.

You and the * * * * are to keep company together, until you shall be past the Island of *Candia*, and then you are to separate yourselves, and your self to convoy such Ships as are bound to *Smyrna*, unto that Port; leaving the * * * * to proceed with such as are bound to *Scanderoon*, according to the Orders he hath received.

Upon your arrival at *Smyrna*, in case you find any Merchant-Ships there, belonging to his Majesty's Subjects, that will be ready to come away for *England*, or any Port in your way home, in forty Days, you are to stay for them so long; and while you continue there, you are to take especial care to keep your Men on board as much as may be, and such as shall be on shore, in such good Order, that all Quarrels and Disturbances between them and the *Turks* may be avoided.

When you have dispatched at *Smyrna*, you are forthwith to sail to *Zant*, and to stay ten Days for the * * * * and no longer, and if

if she come not in that time, you are to proceed homewards with the Merchant-Ships without her: if she shall happen to be there before you, or within the time prefixed, you are to join with her, and as soon as you are joined, you are both together to take under your Convoy such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as shall be there bound for *England*, or any Ports in your way, and you are to come with them through the Phare of *Messina*, and call at *Messina*, *Naples*, *Leghorn*, *Genoa*, *Alicant*, *Malaga*, *Cadiz* and *Lisbon*, for such Ships as shall be at any of those Ports bound for *England*; and with them you are to come to *Plymouth*, and if you find no Orders for you there, you are to come into the *Downs*, and give notice to my Secretary of your arrival, but you are to make as little stay as may be at any of the said Ports; and if at your coming into any Port, you find the Merchant-Ships there will not be ready to come away in a few days, you are not to stay for them.

The usual Orders, forbidding to salute the *French*, &c. Dated the 26th of October, 1673.

To Captain * * * * Captain JAMES.
of his Majesty's Ship * * *

*Instructions for the Scanderoon, sent inclosed
in Captain NARBOROUGH's.*

YOU are with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to accompany his Majesty's Ship, in convoying the Ships bound for *Turky*,
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and therein to receive such Orders as you shall receive from Captain * * * * * Captain of his Majesty's Ship * * * * * When you shall be past the Island of *Candia*, you are to take under your Charge such of the Ships as shall be bound to *Scanderoon*, and give them Convoy unto that Port, leaving those bound for *Smyrna*, to be convoyed by the * * * *

If upon your arrival at *Scanderoon*, you find any Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects bound for *England*, or any Port in your way home, which will be ready to come away in forty Days, you are to stay so long for them, &c. as in the former Instructions. When you have dispatched at *Scanderoon*, you are forthwith to sail to *Zant*, and stay there ten Days for the arrival of the * * * * * (if you come there before her) and you are to join with her, and follow such Orders as you shall receive from Captain * * * * * But if it so happen that she do not come there within that time, you are then to come with the Merchant-Ships under your Convoy for *England*, calling at the several Ports of *Italy*, *Spain*, and *Lisbon* in *Portugal*, and with them to come to *Plymouth*; and if you find no Orders there, you are to come to the *Downs*, &c. Dated the 20th of November, 1672. JAMES.

To Captain * * * * * Captain
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N.B. The Two foregoing Copies of Instructions relate to *Secret Service*, for which reason, neither the Names of the Ships or Commanders are inserted.

To EDWARD SEYMOUR, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

WHereas application hath been made to me, by the Lord Viscount *Brounker*, as Comptroller of the Treasurer of the Navy's Accompts, and Satisfaction therein been by him given me, that through the multiplied and inevitable Occasions of discharging and turning over of Men in the Fleet by Tickets, the Numbers of Tickets are, and are likely to continue so great, as that the Work arising to him therefrom, (by virtue of his said Office) disables him from attending to, and executing as they ought to be, the several other weighty Dutys of the said Office: And forasmuch as it seems of utmost Importance to the Weal of his Majesty's Service, that the Charge of the Ticket-Office be lodged on such a Member of your Number, as by standing unengaged in any other of the particular Works of the Navy, may be at leisure personally to attend the same, both for seeing full right done therein to his Majesty, and the taking care that due and speedy Satisfaction be without Charge given to all Seamen and others applying themselves to the Office of the Navy, in any case relating to the Muster-Books and Sea-Books of his Majesty's Ships, or to Tickets made, or to be made, for the Wages of any Seamen or others serving thereon: And lastly, whereas his Majesty hath been lately pleased by his Letters Patents, to constitute you one of the

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Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, without any particular Article of the Work thereof yet assigned you. I do hereby authorize and direct you, from the last of this instant *December*, to take upon you that part of the Comptroller's of the Navy's Duty which relates to the seeing right done as aforesaid, to his Majesty and the Subject, in what concerns the Business of the said Books and Tickets, as the same has, or ought to have been performed by the Lord *Brounker*, and is comprehended in the Articles hereunto annexed. And for the due Execution thereof, you are from henceforth to stand accountable to his Majesty, my self as Lord High Admiral, and the Body of your Board, in the same manner, as the rest of your Fellow-Officers are in their particular Duties respectively obliged to be. *Dated at Whitehall, this 30th of November, 1672.*

JAMES.

The Duty of the Commissioners of the Navy, intrusted with the Charge of the Ticket-Office, viz.

To see,

I. **T**HAT Muster-Books be duly sent to the Treasurer and Ticket-Offices of the Navy, by the several Clerks of the Checque, Muster-masters, Commanders, and Purfers, according to their respective Duties.

II. That a particular Account be kept of the said Books, both as to their Number, and the Times of their Delivery.

III. That

III. That the preceeding Muster-Books be set off upon the last successively.

IV. That the said Muster-Books so perfected, be carefully set off upon the Sea-Books before the Ship be paid.

V. That the said Sea-Book (or Pay-Book) be lodged in the Ticket-Office, (for the use thereof) immediately after the Pay, and making up the same.

VI. That all Tickets be carefully examined, first by their Counterparts, and then by the said last Muster-Book, if before the Pay; or by the Pay-Book, if after; as to the Entry, Discharge and Quality of the Person, the Cloaths charged upon him, the time he stands pricked for neglect of Duty, and whether a former Ticket be passed, or the Party made Run, or not; and accordingly to set off the same, to prevent the passing or making out of another for the said Person the said time.

VII. That all Tickets, after due Examination as before, be carefully cast, and the Wages both full and neat set off, in Words at length, as well as Figures.

VIII. That he subscribe to, and number all Tickets so examined, and assign their Payments; and if out of any certain Fund, (which is to be certified to him from time to time, by the Comptroller of the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy) to express out of what Fund, and after what part thereof the same is to be paid.

IX. That an Account be kept of the said Tickets so examined and signed, and the Sums thereof

thereof certified Weekly to the Comptroller of the Treasurer for the time being.

X. That the weekly Certificates of the Tickets paid by the Treasurer of the Navy, be duly examined and set off on the Entry-Book where the said Account is to be kept of Tickets examined and signed.

XI. That the Victualling-Books be duly and strictly examined, and from time to time certified under his Hand to the Comptroller of the Victualler's Accounts.

XII. That true Information be given, and Certificate made thereof, when demanded, in all cases, such as that of Widows and Orphans, Pilots, Purfers, Victualling-Books, Commanders, Accounts for Prefs and Conduct Money, &c. which in the Truth of Fact is to be collected from the Books and Papers remaining in the said Office.

You are to take under your Convoy, all such Merchant-Ships of his Majesty's Subjects as are now in the *Downs*, bound for * *Virginia*, and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, in Company of his Majesty's hired Ship, the *Barnaby*, (the Commander whereof is hereby required to observe your Orders) you are to sail to *Kinsale* in *Ireland*, where you are also to take under your Convoy such Ships as are there bound for *Virginia*, and forthwith, Wind and Weather permitting, you are to proceed with them all together, and give them safe Convoy unto *Virginia*; where being arrived, you

* Convoy to *Virginia*, *Happy Return*, and *Barnaby*.

are to give notice thereof to his Majesty's Governour of *Virginia*, and you and the *Barnaby* are to continue there for the Security of the Merchant-Ships trading in those parts, while they are unlading and relading, and follow such Directions as the Governour shall give you, in order thereunto.

So soon as the generality of the Fleet shall be ready to come away, (not staying for two, three, or any small Numbers of Ships) you are to take them under your Convoy, and return with them to *England*, using your best care and endeavours for securing them from the Enemy; for the better performance whereof, you are to observe and follow such Directions as you shall find to have been sent by his Majesty, to the Governour there, for the Direction of the Merchant-Ships in their return.

When you return, and shall come near the Channel, you are to order the *Barnaby* to see the Ships bound to *Bristol*, safe within the Mouth of the *Severn*, and then come to the *Downs*, and your self are to come with the rest unto *Plymouth*; and if you find no Orders there to the contrary, you are to come to the *Downs*, and send up notice to my Secretary of your arrival.

If you find your Provisions grow short, you are to endeavour to lengthen them out, either by putting your Ship's Companies to short Allowance, or by getting a Supply of Victuals at *Virginia*.

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You are, during your Voyage, to spoil and destroy his Majesty's Enemies, upon all Occasions, as much as you may, without neglecting the Safety of the Merchant-Ships committed to your Charge.

All the usual Clauses, &c. *Dated at Whitehall, the 3^d of January, 1672.*

JAMES.

IN pursuance of an Order from his Majesty, unto me directed, dated this Day; These are to will and require you, that immediately upon receipt hereof, you proceed to detain and keep in safe Custody, the Person or Persons of any that shall, under the pretence of Publick Affairs, or any Negotiation, or Business whatsoever, resort to this his Majesty's Kingdom, from any of the Ports of *Holland* or *Flanders*, until you have given notice thereof unto one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and receive his Majesty's Orders and Directions thereupon; always understanding that this Order shall not authorize you to make stop of any Merchants or Inhabitants of the *United-Provinces*, whom by his Majesty's Declaration of the 12th of *June* last, are invited and encouraged to bring their Persons, Families, and Goods into any of the Ports of this Kingdom, with intention to settle and remain here: On the contrary, his Majesty's express Will and Pleasure is, that you give Admittance and good Reception to all such Merchants and Inhabitants so resorting hither, of all which you are
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not to fail, as you will answer the contrary at your Perils, for which this shall be your Warrant. *Given under my Hand at Whitehall, this 11th of January, 1672.*

JAMES.

To the Commander of any of his Majesty's Ships in the Downs, to be communicated to the Commanders of such others of his Majesty's Ships as now are there, or shall come thither.

WHereas *George Boreman*, Gent. hath made his humble Request unto me, that I would be pleased to grant my Warrant of Privilege to one hundred and twenty-six Ballast-men employed in the Ballast Office, for answering the King's and the Merchants Occasions, for securing them from being imprested elsewhere into his Majesty's Service: These are therefore to will and require all Prest-masters, Captains, and Commanders of his Majesty's Ships, and whatsoever Persons are employed in impressing Men into his Majesty's Service, to forbear impressing any of the hundred and twenty-six Men which are mentioned on the other sides, and are employed in working the Ballast-Boats: And to the end it may be certainly known to all Officers and others employed in impressing, who are the Persons hereby protected from being imprested, I do hereby authorize and empower the said *George Boreman* to give a Certificate under his Hand, and the Seal of the Ballast-Office,

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to each particular Person here under-mentioned, of which all Captains, Commanders, Prest-masters, and all others whom it may concern, are to take notice, and not to imprest any Men at their Perils, which shall produce such a Certificate. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall, this 7th of March, 1672.*

JAMES.

WHereas the Masters and Rulers of the Company of Watermen have this Day presented unto his Majesty in Council, a List of the Names of 610 Watermen by them imprested to serve in his Majesty's Ships and Yards, most of which said Watermen have either not appeared as they were directed, or after their Appearance have deserted his Majesty's Service, to the great Prejudice of the same: These are therefore to will and require you forthwith to make diligent Search for all and every the said Watermen mentioned in the said List, (which will be herewith delivered you) and apprehend such of them as you shall find absent from the Ships unto which they are appointed, and keep them in safe Custody, in order to their being punished for their said Offence; and as you apprehend any of them, you are forthwith to send a List of their Names unto my Secretary: And the said Masters and Rulers of the Company of Watermen are hereby strictly charged to give you the best Information they can, for finding out the said Watermen, and to send along with you, when you make Search, some Persons who know them,
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that you may the more readily find them. And
all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, &c.
Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall,
this 6th of April, 1673.

JAMES

To William Joynes, Gent.
Marshal of the High-
Court of Admiralty, or
his Deputy.

WHereas I lately directed you by my War-
rant, to impress Seamen within the County
of *Essex*, to serve in his Majesty's Fleet; since
which I am informed, that several of the Sea-
men in the said County have deserted their Ha-
bitations, and are gone up into the Country,
thereby to avoid the Press; I now think fitting
to authorize and empower you to send Tickets
to the respective Constables of the several Pa-
rishes in the said County, together with Prest-
Money, directing them to leave the same at the
Habitations of the respective Seamen in their
Parishes, and require their Attendance for his
Majesty's Service, at such Time and Place as
you shall mention in the said Tickets; to the
end his Majesty's Service may not be disappoint-
ed. And the said Constables are hereby strict-
ly charged and required to be very diligent in
obeying Directions, as you shall send them for
this purpose; as they will answer the contrary

at their Perils. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at Whitehall, this 12th of April, 1673.*

JAMES.

*To Sir John Bramston, Knight
of the Bath, my Vice-Admi-
ral of Essex, or his Deputy.*

WHEREAS his Majesty hath been pleased by his Letter unto me, dated the 28th of *April* instant, to direct me to give speedy and effectual Orders to cause a Press to be made, with all possible Diligence and Care, of all Livery Watermen universally, for the Service of his Majesty's Fleet, excepting only such as are Masters of Barges, and that two Men and no more shall be allowed to a Barge, as excepted and free from this Press: These are therefore to will and require you forthwith, and immediately upon receipt hereof, to imprest, or cause to be imprested all Livery Watermen universally, excepting the Masters of Barges, and the Allowances of two Men and no more to a Barge, and send them down to his Majesty's Fleet with all speed to serve there, as my most dear and entirely-beloved Cousin Prince *Rupert* shall direct. You are to give to each Man so imprested, one Shilling for Prest-mony, which together with such other Moneys as you shall disburse upon this Service, shall be repaid you by the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy. You are to use your utmost Care and Diligence in this Matter, that the Men may be speedily on board, as you will
answer

answer the contrary at your Perils. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at St. James's, this 28th of April, 1673.*

JAMES.

*To the Masters and Rulers
of the Company of Wa-
termen.*

WHereas the King my Sovereign Lord and Brother, hath been pleased to direct, That none of his Majesty's Ships of War shall, until farther Order, expect or require the striking of the Flag or Topsail, or any Salutes from any of the Ships of War belonging to the most Christian King; neither shall they give any Salutes to the said Ships: These are to will and require you to signify the same unto the respective Commanders of his Majesty's Ships to the Westward, or any others that shall come within your reach; and you are to send them Copies of this Order under your Hand, which shall be a sufficient Warrant unto them for performing his Majesty's Pleasure signified hereby. *Given under my Hand, at Whitehall, this 28th of April, 1673.*

JAMES.

*To Colonel Pyper, Deputy-
Governor of Plymouth.*

WHereas his Majesty hath been pleased by his Order in Council, dated the 21st of *March*, upon the humble Petition of *John Butcher* (Norway Merchant) on behalf of him-

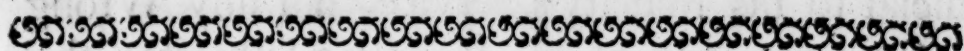
self and other *Norway* Merchants, to authorize and direct me to grant Letters of Licence to the Petitioners to fetch Mafts, Deals, Timber, and fuch like Eastland Commodities from *Norway*, in Ships wholly belonging to the Subjects of the King of *Denmark*, and *Sweden*, and manned with Foreigners, notwithstanding the Act of Parliament for encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation, or any other Matter or Order to the contrary, upon the giving Security before the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs for the Importation of such Eastland Commodities to his Majesty's Port of *London*. And it appearing unto me by Certificate from the said Commissioners, dated the 29th of *April* last, that the said *John Butcher*, and *Cadogan Thomas* have given Security before them to his Majesty's use, to import such Eastland Commodities as they shall ship from *Denmark* or *Norway*, to his Majesty's Port of *London*, in the Ship *Johannes* of *Crogro*, *Augustine Hanson* Master: These are therefore to will and require all Admirals, Vice-Admirals, Commanders of Squadrons and Ships, Governors of Forts and Castles, Officers of the Customs, Searchers, and all others whom it may concern, to permit and suffer the said Ship *Johannes* of *Crogro*, *Augustine Hanson* Master, to proceed on her Voyage from *Norway* to *London*, and to return to *Norway* without any Seizure or Hindrance, with her Lading both backward and forward, provided the said Ship be sailed with Foreigners, and that they export

no prohibited Goods, nor do any thing prejudicial to his Majesty's Service, nor any Wrong or Injury to any of his Majesty's Subjects; this Pass to continue in force during the present Voyage, and no longer. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at St. James's, this 6th of May, 1673.*

JAMES.

TH E S E are to will and require all Admirals, Vice-Admirals, Commanders of Squadrons of Ships, Governors of Forts and Castles, Officers of the Customs, Searchers, and all others whom it may concern, to permit the Ship *Unicorn* of *Rotterdam* (Burthen about 200 Tons) whereof *Leendert Janson Mooten* is Master, to pass to *Holland* with her Lading, without any Seizure or Hindrance, provided the said Ship be sailed with Foreigners, and that they export no prohibited Goods, nor do any thing prejudicial to his Majesty's Service, nor any Wrong or Injury to his Majesty's Subjects. And provided that Pass formerly given by *Prince RUPERT*, dated the 21st of *June*, 1672, be delivered to such Person as my Commissioners for Prizes shall appoint to receive it. This Pass to be in force only for this Ship's Voyages to *Holland*, and no longer. *Given under my Hand and Seal, at St. James's, this 12th of May, 1673.*

JAMES.



CONCLUSION.

HERE endeth that invaluable *Manuscript*, (of his Royal Highness, JAMES Duke of *York*) a faithful Copy of which is now submitted to public Censure. It only remains for Us to observe, in this place, that, the Year following, 1674, a Period was put to the *Third* and last *Dutch*-War. Lastly, if the Papers meet with a Reception equal to their Merit, we shall continue these Naval-Memoirs down to the *Revolution*, 1688, from the *Original Manuscripts* of SAMUEL PEPYS, *Esq*; now in our Possession.



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